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BBC in uproar over revamp of news organisation

MEDIA EDITOR

THE BBC has announced a radical shake-up of its news organisation which will mean that radio and television programmes are made by the same production teams and programmes such as Today and Newsnight will no longer have their own separate editors.

Letters sent to journalists yesterday make clear that within the next two weeks all the editors and deputy editors of individual programmes will be replaced and the BBC's entire news output put into the hands of four executive editors. They will have assistants responsible for ensuring that distinctiveness is

Journalists expressed outrage at the

plans, fearing that the individuality and quality of programmes would be affected; a number of editors were said to be considering resigning. One senior news executive said last night his reaction was "a mixture of disbelief and dispair".

Jocelyn Hay, chairman of the Viewers and Listeners Association, the body that campaigns for quality broadasting said: This is most alarming. On the face of it

this sounds extraordinary."

Mrs Hay said that she was concerned that there would be a loss of individuality in news programmes, adding: "It is absolutely extraordinary that a change of this magnitude should be going ahead without consultation."

The changes are being implemented

RAYMOND SNODDY

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couple of weeks. "Our plan is for the new structure to take effect from October 1

Co-siting refers to the plan to bring BBC news staff together in a new building

called Stage Six, at White City, West London, where all news output will come from teams capable of producing programmes for both radio and television. Richard Clemmow, the head of news, is

believed to have fought to keep separate teams for the two media. But a single team will be responsible for all the main Radio 4 and BBCI news bulletins, and another will provide summaries for all BBC stations and channels.

The third team will produce the Radio Four sequences, such as Today and The World Tonight, and the fourth will make BBCI's Breakfast News and Newsnight ior BBC2. Those two groups will work

Last night Mr Clemmow, a former deputy editor of Newsnight, said that he had absolutely no intention of presiding over any homogenising of BBC news output and that associate editors would

The restructuring was designed "to help us to maintain the high quality of our programmes on TV and radio despite reduced budgets by making the most of the opportunities presented by co-siting and new technology".

Individual programmes have been asked to cut costs by 30 per cent over the next five years, partly to help to pay for the introduction of new digital television channels.

edge privately that they have a lot of talking to do days to explain the plans to staff and they accept that, at the moment, many are vehemently opposed to the asked to remain anonymous because of "a real climate of fear" said: "Editors are, to a man and a voman, dead against it.

Talks in jeopardy after bombing

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was struggling to rescue Northern Ire-land's fragile peace talks last night after a 400lb bomb exploded in the heart of the tiny County Armagh town of

Markethill on market day. The Ulster Unionist Party, which was close to joining the Stormont peace process, immediately blamed the IRA for the attack, in which nobody was injured, and demanded that Sinn Fein be expelled from the talks.

The IRA swiftly telephoned the state television company in Dublin to deny responsibility. British security sources said the probable culprit was the Continuity Army Council, a republican splinter group that has denounced the ceasefire.

Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein's president, failed to condemn the bombing but expressed regret" and accused the UUP of using the incident as a further pretext to avoid negotiations.

The Loyalist Volunteer Force, which has also refused to join the general ceasefire. threatened retaliation.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, George Mitchell, the American talks chairman, and other political leaders said the bomb was a blatant attempt to sabotage the talks.

Dr Mowlam was meeting Mr Trimble, the UUP leader, last night but her efforts to coax the party into direct negoriations with Sinn Fein in

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the next few days appeared to have been dealt a major

The bomb was in a blue transit van parked at thecattle market and next to Markethill's RUC station. It exploded at H.54am, 34 minutes after a warning was telephoned to the BBC by a caller who gave no codeword. The police were still evacuating the area, including a primary school and Edward Graham, the RUC Chief Inspector, said it was a miracle there were no deaths.

"Anyone who knows Markethill knows this is the busiest day of the week. Certainly if police hadn't been on the scene as quickly as they were I have no doubt that hospitals and mortuaries would have been full," he said.

Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC chief constable, said it was a professional and carefullyplanned bombing conducted with total disregard" for the

safety of innocent people.

The bomb — Markethill's fifth since the troubles began was heard 10 miles away and left a 15ft crater 4ft deep. The cattle market and about eight cars were wrecked and the RUC station and nearby homes and businesses were damaged.

People were treated for shock and several cows had to be put down. News of the bomb reached

Belfast just as the UUP leadership was debating whether to go to Stormont later in the day. That would have been a major breakthrough because the talks cannot progress without the UUP.

Instead Mr Trimble and two fellow MPs drove to the scene of the bomb as if to underscore the reasons why they have been so reluctant to

Mr Trimble said the circumstances and location of the attack pointed to the IRA. He sent Mr Mitchell a fax noting the IRA's rejection of the Mitchell principles of demo-Continued on page 2, col 4 has recovered quickly after ten

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with executive editors working up "shadow administrations" in anticipation of cositing," the letter said.

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take a close interest in individual

Senior BBC news executives acknowl-

They protested in vain and have now simply been told that it's being implemented. The views of producers and presenters are unprintable." The plan is the latest in the efforts of

John Birt, the BBC Director-General to combine modernising the corporation with the introduction of digital technology. The corporation is prepared to spend up to £1 billion on its digital plans over the next five years, and it faces huge costs on two fronts. The first is equipping the BBC with the necessary technology, and the second the launch of a number of digital television channels, including a 24-hour service due to start in November.

The second secon The devastation at the centre of Markethill, Co Armagh, yesterday after a bomb went off. The IRA denied responsibility and a splinter group opposed to talks was blamed

Princess's bodyguard is awake and talking

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE bodyguard who survived the crash that killed Diana, Princess of Wales, has spoken for the first time after a rapid improvement in his condition. French hospital officials said yesterday.

Pitié-Salpetrière hospital when Trevor Rees-Jones, 29, uttered his first words. His immediate family were also there. Professor Pierre Coriat, a

Police were on hand at La under control." It was not known whether

consultant at the hospital, said: "Mr Rees-Jones's condition has markedly improved. He is conscious, able to talk although very easily tired. During the next few days he should be able to eat and recover complete autonomy." Mr Rees-Jones suffered severe face, head and chest injuries in the crash on August 31 and probably survived only because he was wearing a

seatbelt. Doctors said that he

his lower face and jaw. "Mr Rees-Jones's condition has improved markedly," the hospital said. We have been able to take him off the artificial respirator and the infection and wounds to his lungs are

Rees-Jones: no longer needs a ventilator

hours of surgery to reconstruct Mr Rees-Jones, who remains in the hospital's intensive care unit under 24-hour police guard, had been informed of the deaths of the princess and Dodi Fayed, his employer.

The bodyguard's testimony is crucial to the police investi-gation into the cause of the crash, but fears remain that in spite of the upbeat medical report - the shock of the accident and the anaesthetic used during the long operation may result in partial, temporary or even total loss of memory about the moments

before the crash. □ Relatives of Henri Paul, the driver who died in the crash with the Princess and Mr Fayed, have called for police reinforcements for his funeral in Lorient on Saturday. They say they fear that someone may wish to "avenge" the Princess's death.

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Doctors' leaders demanded a 10 per cent pay increase and said the Government would be guilty of moral blackmail if it did not pay. But the employers said that any settlement over 2.75 per cent would cause

serious difficulties.

Doctors seeking 10 per cent rise

a doctor!

The NHS Confederation said doctors had received higher awards than other medical staff for two years, and it would be "unhelpful" if they were seen to do better than other groups Page 2

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Royal Mint offers a thought for your pennies

BY ALAN HAMILTON

RAID your piggy banks. Break open your gallon whisky bottles. Dive down the back of your sofas. The nation is suffering an acute shortage of pennies.

With Christmas already uncomfortably close, the Royal Mint has launched a campaign to recover the smallest coin of the realm, which is disappearing from circulation even faster than it is becoming worthless. You cannot buy a single Woodbine for a penny nowadays but if they persist in selling shoes at £49.99 or a pint of beer at £1.79, the penny still has its place in the country's loose change. The Mint is encouraging penny

hoarders to deposit their haul at their nearest main post office, where the cash equivalent will be donated to the Save The Children Fund, and the coins will go back into circulation. Just to be clear about that, you will hand the money over and get nothing back.

According to the Mint, there should be 7,200 million penny coins in circulation but up to a third of them are imprisoned in bottles and piggy banks or lost down the furniture. To keep up with demand from the banks, the Mint last year produced another 741 million penny pieces.

It does not like doing this, as small coins inevitably become more expen- accept it," the Mint said. sive to produce than their face value. A

simple magnet test will prove what a debased coin the penny, once minted in silver, now is. Beneath its shiny copper-plated exterior, it is of the same material as a 1972 Lada — mild steel. The Mint hopes that its campaign, entitled Every Penny Counts, will

recover 100 million coins. But is it worth it given that the decimal ha'penny died from lack of interest in 1984, after only 13 years in circulation? The penny will be with us into the next century; it is still an important item of change and we believe there is still the occasional slot machine in seaside amusement arcades that will

But what of all the giant Bell's for change from a £20 Faraday,

whisky bottles on pub counters, bursting with pennies for cancer research, or the blind, or the local hospice, worthy causes all? "Take them to the bank and write a cheque to the charity concerned. The charity will get its money and the banks will get the coins to put back into circulation."

Next month the Mint introduces its bimetallic £2 coin, silver-coloured in the middle with a gold-coloured edge and, in its early production at least, immune to magnets. How long before we carelessly drop them down the settee, and the Mint has to institute a hunt to get them back? Probably when a pint of beer is £18 and we need them

Blair forgoes pay increase to defuse public sector row

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister moved swiftly to defuse a growing dispute over public sector pay yesterday by announcing that he would forgo a £40,000 salary rise next year and take only an inflation-linked

Last night there were indications that the whole Cabinet might follow suit by not taking their £16,000 increases. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Alistair Darling, his dep-uty, were the first to let it be known that they, too, intended

Several others indicated that they were unhappy about taking big rises at a time of sacrifice for public sector workers and there were strong signs that they would take a collective decision before Feb-

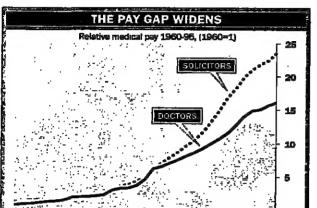
come into effect. Tony Blair's U-turn, which directly contradicted state-ments from Downing Street only 14 hours earlier, coincided with a tough warning from the Treasury that public sector pay rises next year should be

FALLING VALUE

In real terms the pay of the Prime Minister has fallen sharply since 1831. when Earl Grey received £5.000 a year, the equivalent of £220,000 today. If MPs' pay had increased only in line with inflation over the past 50 years, it would now stand at £21,480 rather than aimost £44,000. while the Prime Minister's would have reached

evidence to the pay review bodies, published yesterday, makes clear that the Treasury will not provide extra money to fund settlements next year. It urges the review bodies to give that priority over other

considerations. The Prime Minister's decision to forgo a 40 per cent pay rise, which would have taken his salary to £143,800, followed an outcry from doctors"



Doctors call for 10 per cent rise

By Ian Murray, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

ed a 10 per cent pay increase ten per cent rise they are worth £400 million yesterday seeking would only be a first and said that the Government would be guilty of moral blackmail if it was not prepared to provide enough money to meet the claim.

At the same time the NHS Confederation, representing the employers, said that the entire £1.2 billion extra being given to the NHS next year was already spoken for and any pay settlement over 2.75 per cent would create serious difficulties. The British Medi-

DOCTORS' leaders demand- cal Association says that the step towards closing the 53 per cent gap which has opened up with professions such as solicitors, accountants and auditors over the past 16 years.

Dr Sandy Macara, the BMA chairman said: "We are being morally blackmailed. I do not believe doctors will take any action that will make patients suffer." From December I GPs will get an average £46,450 and consultants a maximum basic of £56,470.

ports, confirmed by Downing Street, said he would take his full salary next year. At the same time they heard that the E80 billion public sector pay bill would be frozen.

On Monday evening Down-ing Street was briefing that Mr Blair had deferred his rise for a year, but would take his full entitlement, an extra £41,000, next year. After damaging headlines yesterday, Mr Blair denied the reports and said he would not take the "bulk" of the extra rise.

He was put under further pressure by doctors' leaders, who called for a 10 per cent rise for medical staff. By lunchtime Downing Street went further and made clear that Mr Blair would take only an inflation-linked rise of about £3,000 on his £102,417 salary. The Cabinet Office confirmed that all ministerial pensions would be linked to entitlement rather than take-

Mr Darling's call for "firm and fair" but low pay rises for public sector workers for the forthcoming pay round will put huge pressure on other Cabinet ministers. With teachers, nurses and doctors set for average rises of about 3 per cent, ministers would find it hard to justify 20 per cent increases for themselves.

The Senior Salaries Review Body recommended last year that ministers should get substantial pay rises but the Cabinet confirmed after the General Election in May that they would defer the rises for a

William Hague accused Labour of incredible hypocrisy". The Tory leader said everyone should limit themselves to inflation-only pay rises next year, claiming he would do the same.

Labour said Mr Hague had already taken his full entitlement of £98,860 once he became leader of the Opposition. Mr Blair took only £66,132 when he was Opposition

"If Mr Hague says that they should only get inflation in-creases, he should hand back his own huge pay-rise this said. A Central Office spokesman confirmed that Mr Hague had taken his full entitlement.

Public sector unions urged the Government to give them a fair deal and honour any recommendations from their own pay review bodies. John Monks, TUC general-secretary, asked Mr Darling to receive a TUC delegation to help to thrash out what would be a difficult pay round.



William Hague: many senior Tories believe that his attack on Blair was unwise

Tory critics round on Hague's advisers

By Nicholas Wood and Philip Webster

GROWING concern is being voiced within the Shadow Cabinet at the quality of public relations advice being offered to William Hague.
A number of Shadow minis-

ters are worried about Mr Hague's decision to accuse Tony Blair of making political capital from the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. Although most have backed Mr Hague in public, in private they believe that he has

The knives are out for Alan Duncan, a party vice-chairman who as Mr Hague's parliamentary political secretary" is in effect his personal media chief. At a Shadow Cabinet meeting tonight, how-ever. Mr Hague will try to head off criticism by confirming that Gregor Mackay, 29, a former ministerial special adviser, will take over shortly.

Mr Mackay's appointment was being seen in some quar-

ters as a rebuff for Mr Duncan, who was campaign manager during Mr Hague's leadership bid. Tory insiders are blaming Mr Duncan for precipitating Mr Hague's attack on Mr Blair with his comments to Sunday newspaper reporters.

Most of them accept that Mr Hague's accusations that Labour officials briefed the press in a way calculated to put Buckingham Palace in a poor light cannot be sustained. One Tory said: "The real issue tonight will be how long can William continue to take the flak he's had. It's been savage

and it's carrying on." Tory insiders are making vitriolic attacks on Mr Duncan, who they say is trying to be for Mr Hague what Peter Mandelson is for Mr Blair. "I know Alan Duncan and he is no Peter Mandelson," one

Tory official said. Another said that Mr Duncan was "obsessed with shortterm commando raids" and did not think in strategic terms. "He is like a rabbit in the headlights. He can't see further than Mandelson and Blair. He can't stop talking

Lord Parkinson, the party who think that Mr Hague has been badly advised, according to Central Office sources.

Last night a friend of Mr Duncan said that he was and regarded himself as a "lightning conductor" for criticism. The friend added: "A small core of people have kept the show on the road over the summer and until the death of the Princess we were doing rather well. William has been working almost alone. Who else in the Shadow Cabinet has been making the news? This criticism is playing into an anti-Tory mood."

NEWS IN BRIEF

EC warns Britain on illegal beef exports

Britain, alleging breaches of the beef export ban. It follows the discovery last spring that thousands of tonnes had been shipped out, mainly through Belgium and The Netherlands. Under infringement proceedings. Britain will be given evidence and told to demonstrate that it has ended the alleged breach. The case is likely to stop short of the European Court as Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, closed meat plants suspected of shipping meat

☐ The Government is to pay compensation of between £90,000 and £140,000 to the families of five people who died from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease after receiving growth

Citizen's Charter revived

The Citizen's Charter is to be relaunched after a consultation exercise to find out what people want from public services. A panel of up to 5,000 voters is expected to be chosen to take part in the project, which was announced by the Public Service Minister. David Clark. The charter was ridiculed by Labour when it began five years ago, but Dr Clark said yesterday it had improved standards.

Pollution fines plea

Ed Gallagher, chief executive of the Environment Agency, urged the courts to impose tougher fines, running into millions, on firms that pollute. He told the agency's annual meeting that, at present, fines were paltry and failed to refelect damage done to the environment. They also failed to reflect the costs of policing the environment or change the culture of pollution in some boardroooms.

Ashdown plea on PR

Paddy Ashdown will today call for urgent progress towards electoral reform at the first meeting of the joint Labour and Liberal Democrat Cabinet committee. He will urge the establishment of the promised commission on proportional representation before MPs return on October 27. The new committee, comprising five senior Liberal Democrats and five senior Labour ministers, will be chaired by Tony Blair.

Sixties posters top bill

Concert posters, handbills and flyers from the Sixties' "Summer of Love" raised more than £127,000 at Bonhams. The collection, for concerts from Jimi Hendrix to The Grateful Dead, included more than 500 posters from the Art of Rock Vaults in San Francisco. Posters for Hendrix, Led Zeppelin. The Doors and Bob Dylan fetched £4.000.

Former Palace chef dies

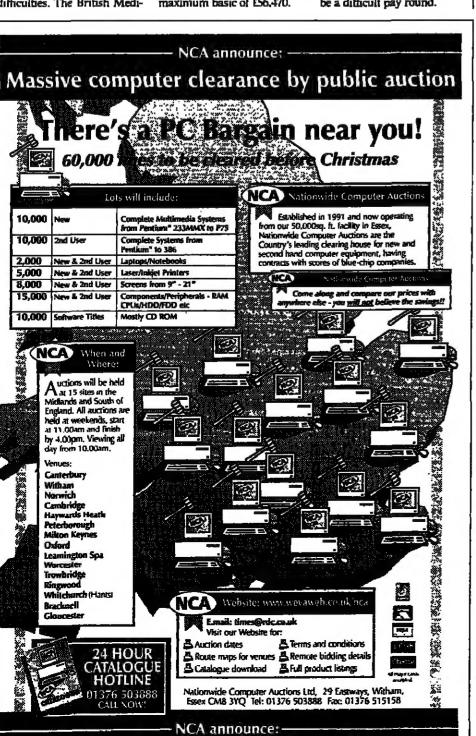
One of the Queen's longest-serving household staff has died aged 70. Peter Page joined Buckingham Palace in 1940 as a kitchen boy and rose to become head chef of the Royal Household. He retired in 1989 but continued to work occasionally for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. A Palace source said he had been respected as chef de cuisine who ruled his kitchen with a rod of iron.

Boy stabbed in school

A 15-year-old boy was stabbed by a fellow pupil after being lured out of his classroom. Police said his attacker struck in a corridor at Christ the King Roman Catholic School. Preston, after telling the boy that the headmaster wanted him. The victim, who had a knife embedded in his back, was taken to bospital, where he was in a stable condition last night. A 15-year-old boy was arrested.

Blake's 7 back on radio

The science fiction series Blake's 7, which aimed to be Britain's answer to Star Trek, is to be revived by the BBC for radio. The return of the programme, last seen on television in 1981, is a victory for the fan clubs across Europe and the United States. A 90-minute episode, The Sevenfold Crown, using most of the original actors, will be broadcast in January on Radio 4.



Massive computer clearance by public auction

Ulster

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Fein's ejection. Ken Maginnis, the UUP's security spokesman, said Markethill was on the edge of an IRA stronghold and the bombing could not have occured without the IRA's involvement or acquiescence. He believed it was designed to keep the UUP out of the talks, and to silence Seamus Mallon, the deputy leader of the nationalist SDLP who lives in Markethill and has been criticising the republican

But senior British security sources said the size and composition of the bomb bore the CAC's hallmarks, and doubted there was any IRA

involvement. Dr Mowlam, who had been doing her best to coax the UUP to talks, said she was outraged by the attack, which appeared to be a deliberate attempt to sabotage the talks process, and called on all those who wanted lasting peace in Northern Ireland to "redouble their efforts to get the talks

Mr Mitchell said the bomb was "obviously an effort to blow up not just a police station but also the talks process. It cannot be permitted to succeed,"

Rail query failures punished

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TRAIN operators were fined £250,000 and rebuked yesterday for their "intolerable" performance in failing to meet targets for answering telephone inquiries.

Companies running the national timetable inquiry service failed to achieve the target of answering 90 per cent of calls. leaving more than 250,000 passengers in one week un-

able to get information.

John Swift, the Rail Regulator, announced that the companies would be fined immediately and would face further financial penalties if they failed to improve the service.

Train operators, who fund the inquiry service, were told last month that they had to answer 90 per cent of calls over a four-week period to escape fines. Although they reached only 85 per cent over the month and the fine will be paid by the 25 operators.

Mr Swift has yet to impose tougher targets on operators to answer calls within 30



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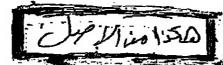
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Iraqi 'hijacked jet to get fiancee to Britain'



The crew of the Sudanese jet leaving it after the hijack ended at Stansted last year Court is told that gang with fake grenades forced

diversion to Stansted, reports Michael Horsnell

HIJACKED Sudanese plane was forced to land at Stansted airport because the leader of an Iraqi gang on board wanted to smuggle his fiancée and her family into Britain, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

old yesterday.

The 186 passengers and 11 aircraft, kill passengers and crew, en route from Khartoum to Amman, were freed and the hijackers from the Sudanese Airlines Airbus arrested after protracted negotiations on the ground in Essex last year.

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David Calvert-Smith, QC. for the prosecution, said the gang was armed with two sauce bottles they had taken

from a restaurant, filled with salt and bound with black tape to look like grenades. They also had craft knives which had been taken apart and smuggled aboard in a basket of children's toys.

open the doors to throw out a victim were made during the 20 hours in which the hijackers controlled the plane, the prosecution alleged. An air hostess and a 12-year-old girl were seized as a way of enforcing their demands, Mr Calvert-Smith said.

Adnan Hoshan, the gang

lived in England since 1987 and hoped to remain, became engaged by arrangement to an Iraqi in April 1996 and travelled to Amman in Jordan to

meet her, it was alleged. He decided to hijack a plane after an attempt to bribe an official in Sudan to get her and her family air tickets failed. The court was told that he said he paid for a gun to be smuggled aboard a plane, but none was. The prosecution alleges that

five other Iraqis, some of whom claimed they were in fear of the Iraqi regime, took



Drawing of, from left, Adnan Hoshan, Mohammed Muhssin, Mustafa Hussin, Maged Nagi, Hasah Hasan, Saheh Aboud, and Sahah Nagi in court

part in the hijack and a sixth was a member of any political plotted with them.

In the dock with Hoshan, 39, are Saheb Aboud, 31, unemployed; Hasah Hasan, 34, self-employed; Mustafa Hussin, 33, student; Maged Nagi, 36, unemployed; and Muhammad Muhasin, 39, a clothing worker. All deny hijacking an aircraft by unlawful threats to use weapons in their possession. A seventh defendant, Sabah Nagi, 29, a carpenter, denies conspiracy.

Mr Calvert-Smith said none

party or religious group. They are simply Iraqis who found themselves in Sudan and wanted to come to this

"Others of the accused, rightly or wrongly thought this country had a reputation as a respecter of human rights" -- and would hear an application for political asylum, he said.

There are aspects of the hijack which, viewed with hindsight, seem amateurish or

even comic," he told the jury. "But just in case you are tempted to view it as comic, imagine flying on holiday with your family and being confronted with six hostile or The pilot, Captain Abdul Hamid Hidirbi, had learnt of

hysterical men, brandishing knives and what they claimed were grenades, and threatening to blow up the plane - kill passengers, or even, on at least one occasion, open doors and throw someone out."

The hijack began when Muhssin allegedly grabbed an air hostess by the throat at

knifepoint and dragged her towards the pilot's cabin "to was tied up and a passenger suspected of being an Iraqi persuade the captain to do what the hijackers wanted", intelligence officer was bound, Mr Calvert-Smith said. gagged and attacked.

the hijack over the intercom

and went to see what was

going on. "His instant and

sensible assessment was not to

take any chances and he

indicated he was surrendering

the plane and would fly the

A group which had overpowered Muhssin were punched, kicked and bound, it

was alleged. *One resisted and struck out. Revenge was immediate. He was stabbed in the arm with one of the butcher's knives and seriously injured,"

Mr Calvert-Smith said. The trial continues today,

Mother found guilty of killing handicapped daughter

A MOTHER was found guilty her side providing around-theyesterday of killing her clock care. She took a central severely handicapped 14 role in changing her breathing month old daughter by pull-ing out a breathing tube as the at her bedside through the girl lay in a hospital bed.

Julie Watts, 31, a former psychiatric nurse, was cleared by a jury at : Manchester Crown Court of murder but convicted on an alternative charge of manslaughter after almost six hours of

Watts, who clung to her solicitor sitting beside her in the dock as the verdict was delivered, now faces sentencing by Mr Justice Sachs next Thursday. A murder charge attracts a compulsory life sentence but, with a manslaughter verdict, the judge has much wider discretion to impose a probationary or suspended

Mr Justice Sachs remanded Watts on bail until sentencing and asked the Probation Service to draw up reports. He told counsel for the defence. Richard Henriques, QC: "I have no intention of sending her into custody, at least not

immediately." At the end of a highly-charged, 12-day trial, Watts was led out by the defence team as she sobbed: "I never

Abigail was born with a rare skull deformity, called clover leaf syndrome, which left her brain-damaged, deformed, deaf and unable to breathe or feed without help. She could not even close her eyes properly. For 14 months her mother was constantly by

ing properly. On at least one occasion Watts, of Little Hulton, Greatgail's life with emergency

Peter Openshaw, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that shortly before Abigail was due to return home after a two-night stay at the end of July 1995, staff at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital heard Watts crying hysteri-

cally for help. They found the tracheotomy tube, on which she depended for her life, had been removed from Abigail's throat and the tapes which secured it untied. Abigail suffered respiratory leading to cardiac

Watts, who has an eight year-old son, Philip, and gave birth to a baby daughter Holly, last November, denied both charges. She said she would never have done anything to harm Abigail and told the jury: "I was never tired of caring for her and if I could have her back tomorrow, I would do the same thing all

over again." Detective Superintendent Bill Kerr, who headed the investigation, said: "It has been a difficult case for every one, and everyone involved in it cannot fail to have been affected by the circumstances

Officer's party can go ahead with help from RAF

A SENIOR RAF officer who sparked a row by commandecring air force equipment for his daughter's 21st birthday celebrations has been told that the party can go ahead.

tables and lights loaned from RAF Odiham, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, had brought criticism over the use. of military resources.

Air Commodore Crawford had borrowed ten tents, six tables, lights and fire extinguishers for a party in the garden of a friend's Hampshire farmhouse on Saturday. His daughter, Nicola, is having a joint celebration with friends. The equipment was delivered to the farmhouse, and a disgruntled serviceman tipped off a national

newspaper. Senior officers said that normal procedures appeared to have been been followed Air Commodore Crawford. who is on a year-long training course at the Royal College of Defence Studies, had paid in full the costs of transport and made a "substantial" donation

to station funds. The Ministry of Defence said that equipment was available for loan to personnel of all ranks for civilian activities such as village fêtes if not in

use at the time. Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, said it was likely the parliamentary Defence Select Committee would raise the matter. "The amounts involved here may not be all that great but there is an issue of principle," he added.

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newspapers - from the Omaha World-Herald to

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Word spreads as US goes the Full Monty

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE success of a British film about unemployed steelworkers who become strippers has reversed the trend of films which spread American slang to Britain. This time, trendy Americans have changed their vocabulary to include The

Full Monty. Only five weeks after its release, the film has risen to No 3 in the box-office charts, and talk-show hosts are now using the expression for doing the maximum. Everyone seems to

understand it. The unlikely hit cost its makers, Fox Searchlight Pictures, about £2 million to produce, and has aiready earned nearly £2.6 million in ticket sales. It opened last month at only 45 theatres. but is now running at 387 and many more are damouring to screen it. Its takings for each screening are the highest in America, exceeding those for The Game, Hollywood's biggest new release.

The film, set in Sheffield, has its heroes defeating their inhibitions and poverty by stripping naked in a one-night club act. One film critic described them as "the Chippendales with love handles". Critics have also welcomed a break from Hollywood violence, car chases and formulaic

It follows other British successes. Brassed Off and Trainspotting, in portray-als of "dole class" Britons, with on-screen realism of industrial wastelands, working class despair and bine-collar humour.

At breakfast in New York, I tried the expression on my waitress, asking for "bacon, eggs, toast, coffee ... the Full Monty". The New York Times said

Press feud overshadows move to tighten privacy code

privacy of Prince William and Prince Harry into adulthood will be considered today at a meeting of the Press Complaints Commission's code of practice committee. Lord Wakeham, chairman of the commission, will set out proposals

to extend the protection of the Princes and other children until they finish their education. " He will also attempt to defuse a dispute between the Daily Mail

and The Daily Telegraph which have been at loggerheads this week over their respective treatment of

Editors meeting to discuss curbs on the paparrazi may find tensions rising, reports Carol Midgley

the Royal Family. Sir David Eng-lish, chairman of Associated News-sion into the Prince of Wales's papers which owns the Daily Mail, and Charles Moore, Editor of the Telegraph, will both attend the meeting, which is expected to be conducted in a tense atmosphere. Lord Wakeham is anxious their feud should not jeopardise moves for a tighter self-regulated privacy code after the death of Diana,

privacy after her death. He suggested Sir David, who is chairman of the code of practice committee, was unfit for the post, likening it to Gerry Adams chairing a committee to oversee the IRA ceasefire.

Sir David in turn accused Mr Moore of using "a desperate device to try to blunt its [the Mail's] increasing success in a market The Daily Telegraph once, but no

longer dominates". The Telegraph's proprietor, Conrad Black, then compared Sir David's PCC post with "Al Capone being appointed head of a commission to investigate organised crime in Chicago in the 1920s".

Paul Dacre, Editor of the Mail. then wrote an article in The Guardian accusing the Telegraph of being the organ of the royal courtiers who pumped put "black

Hoping the dispute is not aired today. Lord Wakeham is expected to present a case for tightening the code and extending the voluntary agreement between the press and Buckingham Palace not to carry stories on Prince William and Prince Harry until they are 16 by at

least two years.

The code may be amended to protect the privacy of the Princes and other children until they have finished full-time education. The

editors from national newspapers. four from regional papers and one each from Scotland and the periodicals, will also discuss how to address the problems of collective harassment by the paparazzi and

aggressive "doorstepping."
Lord Wakeham has spent the past week canvassing the opinions of national newspaper editors, visiting each in turn. They are fierce supporters of self-regulation,

squabbling between senior figures in the industry may give the impression that it is unfit to do so.

A member of the committee said vesterday he hoped that the row between Mr Moore and Sir David would not affect its deliberations. "A lot of what has been exchanged is nothing to do with the meeting," he said. "It is more about commercial pressures and personal animosities between The Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail."

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Complaints over school places increase by 50%

AND JOHN O'LEARY

COMPLAINTS from parents whose children have been refused places at the schools of their choice have risen by 50 per cent, the local government watchdog said yesterday. The Local Government Om-

budsman's annual report shows that many town halls and schools in the North were unable to cope properly with the thousands of aggrieved parents who did not get their first choice of school in the

past year. Patricia Thomas, Ombudsman for the North of England, said she believed that the increasingly high media pro-file of school league-tables, together with the policy of the Conservative Government of championing parental choice,

JET NOISE 'HARMS READING SKILLS'

CHILDREN from schools under the flight path to Heathrow airport have a reading age up to nine months behind those at schools in quiete new report. The study of 340 junior school child-ren from eight schools near the airport was

thorities opposed to the building of a fifth terminal and will be presented to the public inquiry later this year. Dr Stephen cial community psychi-atry at University College. London, said that his findings indicated an orgent need for more de-

what they regard as good schools. There's more of a move to try to get their children into the school that

they think is best," she said. The Commission for Local Administration in England, which represents all three English ombudsmen, is now

and at the apparent inability of many local education auproperly, that it has asked the Education Secretary, David Blunkett, to review the procedures for appealing against school admission decisions.

The ombudsmen are calling

Truancy is a time-bomb for the future, says Blunkett

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

DAVID BLUNKETT yesterday unveiled plans to cut truancy and help teachers to part of a drive to halt the development of an under-class of unqualified teenagers.

The Education and Employment Secretary said his £23 million package was part on social exclusion. He told a

conference in London organised by The Times Educational Supplement and the National Union of Teachers that the disengagement of thousands of young people from education represented a "ticking time-bomb".

Among the 35 local projects chosen to launch the initiative will be a programme pioneered in Stoke-on-Trent offering

work-based education to 14year-olds. Others include a scheme in Leeds that reduced the number of school expulsions by a third by allowing children at risk of exclusion to spend part of the week in a

pupil referral unit. Mr Blunkett said: "I hope that together we can reconnect young people to school, to learning and to future success."

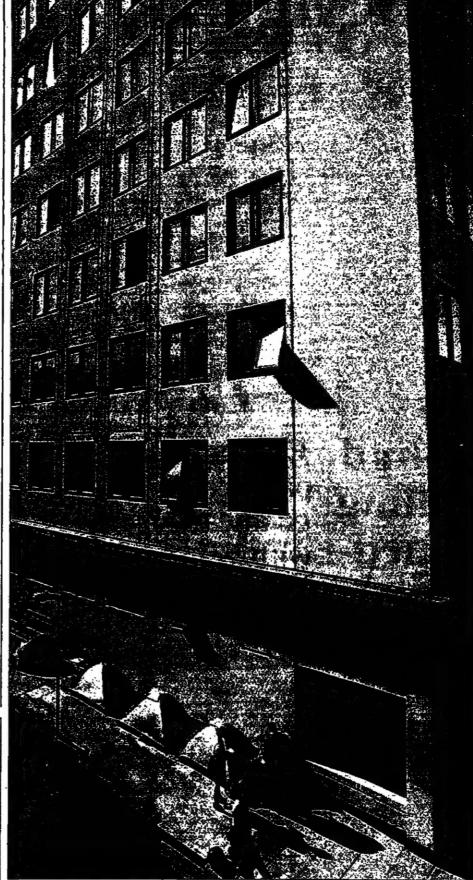
peals committees should no longer be responsible for de-ciding whether a school's performance would suffer if extra children were admitted. Instead, a simple ceiling number of places should be set for each

Mrs Thomas said that, in addition, zealous head teachers should be restrained from intervening in admission appeals cases. "In one case a headteacher encouraged parents to believe that their appeals would succeed. In another, the headteacher told parents after unsuccessful ap-peals that the school could

admit more children." She added that grant-maintained and voluntary-aided schools had the worst record for conducting admission appeals correctly. In some cases the appeals committees failed even to employ a clerk so that no proper record was kept of

proceedings.
Mrs Thomas said it was unclear, however, why the level of complaints in the North had soared, while the figures for the rest of the country had fallen slightly.

Although most parents who challenge a school's refusal to admit their children are unsuccessful, there has been a steady increase in the number who have exercised their right to appeal. A report by the Audit Commission last December found that the number of appeals had risen by 58 per cent in three years at primary level. There had been a 35 per cent increase over the same period in secondary schools.



No limits as the property hunters go flat out

A BEDSIT measuring 13ft by 6ft has been sold for £42,500 in the London property boom, and rich flat-hunters are paying £3,000 for people to queue for them outside a new apartment block.

London firm Bruten and Company said that buyers had fought over the Bayswater bedsit which also has a kitchenette and small bathroom. The successful purchaser, Konneely, a student, paid £2,500 above the asking price.

At Waterloo, seven people have pitched tents outside the White House, part of the former Shell beadquarters. to be among the first in the queue when the next 97-flat phase goes on sale on Satur-day. Most are being paid. They were undeterred yesterday when the developers, Galliard Homes, insisted that they would not be eligi-ble for first pick of the properties unless the actual buyers were in the queue.

The flats have spectacular views of the Thames. David Jackson, who works for a demolition firm, is at the head of the queue. He said: "My boss can't queue himself because he is away in France fifties. He's paying me a month's salary to stay here for a week - about £900. I have nine children and my tenth is on the way, so I need all the money I can get." Mr Jackson, 34, of Rom-

ford, East London has been sharing his tent with the oman in second place: "Uning bags. People must have with pound coins all over me. We decided to go halves on a tent." Prices range from £115,000 for a one-bedroom flat to more than £1 million

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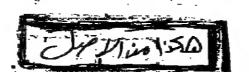
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Is it horror or is it art? That's purely academic

REAL art can never be immoral. With this defence, the Royal Academy of Arts was unrepentant yesterday about its decision to exhibit a portrait of the Moors murderer Myra Hindley in a controversial show that also includes dis-membered limbs and rotting

animal carcasses: Teenage visitors will be invited to consider works such as Marc Quinn's Self — a head filled with nine pints of his own blood — with ques-tions such as "Do you think a blood sculpture is more pow-erful than one of bronze?" The angry mother of a child abducted by Hindley has been invited to see the show for

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Senior officials of academy met yesterday in a room filled with Old Masters, for a press conference on the show Sensation. The exhibitions secretary, Norman Rosenthal, was asked whether there was any line of morality or taste that they would draw in choosing exhibits. He said: "There is no such thing as real art that is

immoral.

On the Hindley portrait, made by Marcus Harvey with children's palmprints, Mr Ro-senthal said: We were so moved by the painting and impressed by its power that we decided it was worth fighting for. To take this painting out of the exhibition would have diminished the mood of the exhibition. That made us pretty determined that it should stay. To take it out would have been an indecent and terrible thing to do." Child abuse was "one of the great issues of the day", he

added. Winnie Johnson. Manchester. Keith, vanished 33 **6** I don⁴

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years ago, says that she has been made ill by the Sensation show. loaned by the collector Charles Saatchi and opening to the public tomorrow. She says: "I don't wantany member of the sick 85 Hindley." How-

ever, David Gordon, the academy's secretary, blamed the media for stirring up the issue, and insisted that was far more distressing than hanging a. painting.

The academy had invited Mrs Johnson and her solicitor to see the show "at a time of their choosing and at our expense". The offer had been

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Hindley portrait: worth fighting for

turned down. Mr Gordon said that he expected the furore over the Hindley painting to he eclipsed by other works once the public was allowed

Tom Phillips, an academi-cian and chairman of exhibi-tions committee, described it as "a very fine picture. If anything, it is a reinvigoration of the fear we feel." Norman Ackroyd, another academician, said that the painting could be viewed as a warning to others, preventing "something like that happening

Other works in the exhibition include one by Damien Hirst in which thousands of flies are feeding off a rotting cow's head in a pool of blood within a glass case; Dinos and Jake Chapman's life-size mutilated nudes suspended from a tree: James Reilly's image of a boy with amputated arms: and Marc Quinn's head.

The academy has taken the unprecedented step of issuing a questionnaire to the public. for a debate to be conducted in

six weeks. The questions include: "Should the Royal Academy present art even if it shocks and causes offence?" A warning placed in one room saying that people under 18 are excluded. Otherwise, a booklet for children aged 14 to 18

as Self. Other academicians and artists have continued to voice their disgust in letters to the president. Sir Philip Dowson. Peter Inchbald, a founder chairman of the Reynolds Club of former RA students, wrote: "How can I remain a friend of an academy

that has gone so rotten?"

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The academician Ken Howard argued yesterday that the Hindley portrait was not a issue of art, but of common humanity: "I'm thinking of the parents of the victims. Whether this is a good or bad picture is always going to be a matter of opinion. But in this case, some of us feel the content was fairly objectionable."

academician John Ward said that the portrait "is not a work of art at all. It's incredibly boring, cashing in on an inflamed bit of tragedy. All one feels is that you think of the parents of those children. The whole inflaming of that horror seems to me so

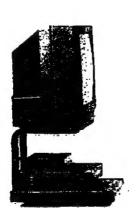


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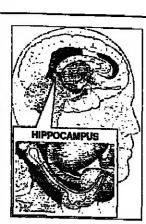
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Where a cabbie keeps his A to Z

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE London taxi driver's mental maps are located in the right hippocampus of the brain, a study at the Institute of Neurology in

London has shown. Eleanor Maguire hailed || black-cab driv ers and persuaded them to have their brains examined using positron emission tomography (PET) scans while

they remembered routes The PET scans pinpoint the parts of the brain used in any mental activity by measuring brain bloodflow changes. The results, published in the Journal of Neuroscience. show that the right hippocampus was used to recali complex routes but when the drivers were asked to remember the plots of famous films, they used the

left frontal lobe. When asked to remember information about landmarks in London or in other cities. such as the Statue of Liberty in New York, four different parts of the brain were triggered.

But the right hippoonly when the drivers were asked to remember a route between two laces. "The results show that the right hippo-campus is not activated in all types of memory recall, but is specifically recruited for route recall," Dr Maguire says.

Motorists to be tested for drugs in roadside trial

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

PLANS for roadside drug tests has been limited because the for motorists are being studied by the Department of Transport and senior police. Trial testing could start within nine months and full-scale testing is regarded as inevitable, one police expert said yesterday.

The experimental tests will be carried out by selected police forces around the country. They will evaluate simple roadside test kits for cannabis, cocaine, amphetamines and opiates, such as heroin. The tests will be given to drivers who have been stopped and given alcohol breath tests. If the drivers are negative they will be asked to volunteer for the drug-test trials.

The drivers cannot be prosecuted unless police can show that their driving had been impaired by the drugs. Current legislation does not allow prosecution for traces of a banned drug within the body.

In the tests police would use a wipe system developed in Germany by a company called Securitec. A small impregnated pad is passed over the subject's forehead or the back of the neck. The sweat gathered on the wipe reacts to chemicals and shows a colour change indicating a drug is present. Different wipes have to be used for different types of

drug.
The wipes are also being tested by police in Stuttgart, German police have insisted on charging a number of the drivers. In Britain, Home Office scientists are working to develop tests and are expected to report next year.

The pilot scheme in Britain is being recommended by a police working party on drug use by motorists. Yesterday Superintendent David Rowe, chairman of the working group, said proposals for the tests had gone to transport ministers and officials, who were considering the plans.

Speaking at the annual con-

ference of the Police Superintendents' Association, in Bristol, Mr Rowe, a Sussex officer, said he believed that full-scale testing was inevitable. His group has formulated specimen offence for new legislation allowing police to prosecute and they are recommending that there be a zero limit. They believe that if any trace of drugs is permitted that could open the way for some legal use.

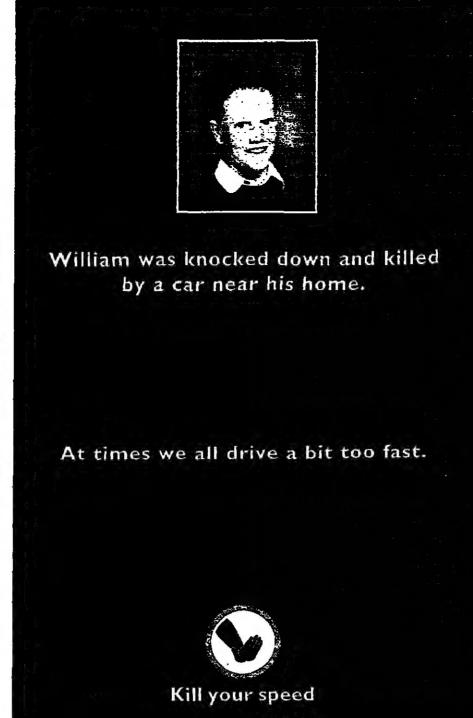
Mr Rowe and Rob Tunbridge are leading a national three-year study of road fatalities to discover the extent of drug use. Yesterday they told the conference that, after 11 months, research showed that the presence of alcohol in the bodies of road victims had fallen substantially in the past decade while illicit drug-tak-ing had increased fourfold.

Mr Rowe said that up to 88,000 drivers who tested negative for drink last year may have taken drugs. Last year there were 780,000 breath tests of which 101,000 (13 per cent) were either positive or the

driver refused to take the test. Mr Rowe argued that, if 13 per cent of those who were cleared by the breath tests were on drugs, that would add up to another 88,000 motorists whose driving might have been impaired. Last year the Forensic Science Service dealt with only 1,204 samples from drivers involving drug use.

The research project has examined 465 victims of fatal road accidents with the help of pathologists and coroners. In 351 cases no drug was found but drugs were present in the bodies of 114 victims, a quarter of the total. Of these 5 per cent had taken prescribed drugs and 20 per cent had taken illegal drugs. A breakdown showed 54 out 215 drivers had taken drugs; 19 out of 77 motorcycle riders: 25 out of 79 passengers; ten out of 60 pedestrians; two out of 16 cyclists and four of a further 18 unclassified cases.

The research found that 43 of those killed had taken cannabis and a further ten had used amphetamines, including Ecstasy. No one had taken LSD or cocaine, but 14 had taken opiates. A further 31 had taken a mixture of drugs.



The poster featuring William Blacklock. He was killed on a pedestrian crossing

because of lack of money.

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People want to blame other

Death poster aims to slow speeding drivers

POSTERS featuring a teenager killed by a speeding motorist were unveiled yesterday to spearhead a £3.5 million campaign urging drivers to cut road death's by going more slowly. They carry a picture of William Blacklock, who was knocked down on a pedestrian crossing near his home, and the slogan "Kill Your Speed".

The campaign will also involve television advertisements showing home movies of the boy and three other youngsters killed by speeding drivers. The children are seen playing and the poignant films are accompanied by a voice-over of the advice given to police officers on how to break news of a death to the bereaved family.

The seven-week campaign is intended to cut the 1,200 deaths a year linked to speeding — a third of all road fatalities — as well as the thousands of injuries it causes. Ministers called on local authorities to introduce 20mph

A third of all road deaths are linked to speeding. The latest campaign to slow us down uses home movies of some of the young victims, writes Arthur Leathley

zones in areas where pedestrians, especially children, are

most vulnerable. Already 300 schemes have been set up and the Government is monitoring results

before pressing authorities to

trative levy to help to fund speed cameras. Research into speed cameras in London suggests that they can reduce the number of deaths by one third. But police complain that they cannot afford the £30,000 installation and £8,000 annual running

costs, and admit that many

follow the best examples. Mincampaign, said that everyone isters and senior police officers who drove could help to behind the new campaign said reduce death and injury. yesterday that tougher penalties could be introduced if motorists failed to take action people about speed while conto reduce speed. Baroness Hayman, the Road Safety Minister who launched the campaign, said that ministers

were "considering urgently" police calls to be allowed to laws a priority and called for a tightening up of wording on charges of dangerous driving. charge an additional adminisclaiming that prosecutions are often dropped because police are unable to provide evidence that a motorist had driven "far below acceptable standards",

the definition of the offence. David Blacklock, the father of the teenager featured in the campaign, backed the cam-

cameras do not contain film paigners call and demanded tougher sentences. Mr Lady Hayman, who revealed that the Government had consulted Buckingham

Blacklock, of Olney, Buckinghamshire, said that the sentence passed on the motorist was "derisory". The 19-year-old driver had

been uninsured and admitted driving at more than 40mph in a 30mph zone. He was fined £200 for having no insurance, £150 for careless driving and had his licence endorsed with seven points.

Britain joins US * to tackle illness in minorities

Ry IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN and the United States have agreed to work together to improve the health of their minority communities.

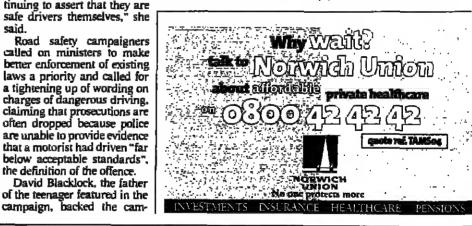
After signing the first international agreement of its kind yesterday, the two countries will share information and deas about how to tackle the inequalities that cause higher levels of illness among their minority populations. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said: This marks the begin-ning of a long-term partnership ... and is the first step in putting ethnic minority health on an international platform. Racial discrimination and harassment and work had to be confront to secure equal

access to career opportunities for ethnic minority employees, who made up a large part of the NHS workforce. Mr Dobson said he wanted to see progress in breaking down the parriers that existed in recruiting and developing staff from ethnic minority communities so that they were properly represented at senior levels. He was speaking at the start of a three-day conference on the issue.

Tessa Jowell, the Health Minister, said poverty, unemployment, bad housing, pollution and social isolation hit ethnic minorities hard, especially in the inner cities.

Statistics showed that death rates from heart disease among those aged under 65 and born on the Indian subcontinent were more than 50 per cent higher than the average for England and Wales; death rates from stroke among those aged under 65 were nearly twice as great among those born in the Caribbean than the average: perinatal mortality rates among Pakistani-born mothers were nearly twice the British average: incidence of schizophrenia may be three to six times higher among Afro-

Caribbean groups. The minister said that collaboration with the United States would be invaluable in the sharing and developing of public health initiatives.



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Cathedral that would not cast the first stone

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE oaths spoken by a cathedral stonemason were not to be found in any prayer book. George Cooper swore while he worked and his language was loud enough to be heard by visitors hoping for a more religious experience, an industrial tribunal was told.

He was recommended for the sack by his boss, Brian Eacock, head of works at Worcester Cathedral. When the authorities took a more forgiving stance, Mr Eacock resigned, saying that his authority had been undermined. Yesterday Mr Eacock, 57, claimed constructive dismissal at a Birmingham tribunal. He had worked for the cathedral since 1967, but was "devastated" to be overruled on the dismissal. He said: "I couldn't accept that. I could not be

happy unless he was fired."
Mr Cooper, who had been given one verbal warning and two written warnings, was said to be a bad timekeeper with a poor standard of work. Mr Eacock was also concerned about other aspects at the cathedral, including a failure to appoint a new health and safety officer.

Canon David Thomas, the acting dean at the time, said there had been no case for dismissal, but the cathedral had been trying to address Mr Eacock's concerns. Mr Cooper was eventually sacked this year after he was caught removing materials and stone but, by then, Mr Eacock had

resigned.

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Arlette Gondrée being helped away by Les Chamberlain, 79, left, and Charlie Davies, 74

Pegasus Bridge conflict claims a fresh casualty

THE site of the first D-Day assault in France was the setting for a less heroic skirmish yesterday between a resident who wants to close a museum on her property commemorating the event and the curator who has pledged to keep it open.

Pegasus Bridge, near Caen in Normandy, was captured in a daring glider raid by British paratroopers on June 6, 1944. At dawn yesterday. more than half a century later. Arlette Gondrée, who had welcomed the arrival of British troops as a two-year-old. launched her own raid in the

Armed with a legal order and backed up by a large crane, several lawyers and a locksmith, Mme Gondree moved in to shut down the Airborne Forces Museum near the bridge. She insists that the 25-year lease on the building housing the museum, which chronicles the extraordinary opening hours of

D-Day, has expired. Her way was blocked, however, by the museum's welland Alain Nivault, the Mayor. In the ensuing fracas, - the

PROPERTY AND PROPERTY.



incensed M Jacquinot allegedly hurled Mme Gondrée, 56, over a fence.

Two British war veterans rushed to aid the tearful but uninjured property owner, who was yesterday threatening to take legal action for

The Café Gondrée, inherited by Mime Gondrée from her parents, was the first building in occupied Europe to be liberated and has long been a shrine, along with the museum next door, for visiting war veterans and historians of the Second World War.

Mme Gondrée claims that the museum, which attracts 25,000 visitors a year, is falling down and is an insult to the liberators of Pegasus Bridge. She said that the museum, which was behind with its rent, was shabby and insult- er-bearer who was aboard the

ing to the veterans. "It is the case that is the living memorial and the real museum," she said. She is also angered that her parents are not more prominently commemorated

Mme Gondrée wants to regain possession of the ground floor for her own use, but says she would allow a smaller, better-maintained museum to remain upstairs. She has the law on her side, but she is opposed by local officials and many war veterans who say that the museum is an historic landmark recalling a military action of su-

first glider to land on D-Day, defended Mme Gondrée, "It is

dreadful. She is just trying to

get into her own property and

they are refusing to let her in,"

M Jacquinot said he had

been thinking about the young

servicemen who fell at Pega-

sus Bridge. "They would have

Jacquinot said, adding that a

younger generation deserved

to know what their forebears

had achieved on the famous

the French courts, is now

expected to call in the police to

repossess her property. The

local police, however, are

under orders from the region-

al prefect, who may elect to

side with M Nivault and

decline to provide troops for a

first casualty in what promises

to be a long and bitter legal conflict. The new battle for

Pegasus Bridge may be just

Mme Gondrée is only the

Mme Gondrée, backed by

battlefield.

second assault.

preme bravery. The defenders of the museum have employed a security guard with a doberman to patrol the perimeter of the

Les Chamberlain and Charlie Davies, British veterans who are regular patrons of the Café Gondrée, described yesterday's scuffle as disgraceful, but Major John Howard, 83, who led the glider raid on Pegasus Bridge and was made a companion of the Distinguished Service Order in recognition, said that he was delighted to hear we have

won the first round". Mr Chamberlain, a stretch-



Marc Jaquinot, the curator, watches as Mme Gondrée is helped up after he allegedly threw her over a fence as she tried to shut the museum

Why the fighting still rages

YESTERDAY'S confrontation at Pegasus Bridge in Bénouville is only the latest in a string of squabbles between local residents, councillors and veterans which have divided local families and severed 50-year friendships.

The Airborne Forces Museum has been a source of conflict since Mme Gondrée decided three years ago not to renew its lease when it expired this year.

Although a handful of veterans of Pegasus Bridge support Mme Gondrée, most think the museum should stay and are fighting to keep it open. Major Howard, who was a close friend of Mme Gondrée's parents, Georges and Thérèse, said yesterday that it was an important memorial to the battle, "I want it retained, and all the

survivors from D-Day think the same," he said. "This arrogant woman, who used to call me Uncle John, is betraying and destroying the hard work her parents did. She wants to expand her business and make more money from veterans and tourists." Therese Gondrée signed the museum's lease in 1972.

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Mark Henderson on

a dispute which has divided war veterans

and community alike

Tensions over the Café Gondrée itself run deeper still. After Thérèse Gondrée's death in 1984, her three daughters fought bitterly over it, leading to a legal battle in 1988 won by Arlette and her elder sister, Georgette. Francoise, the youngest daughter, continued to press a legal claim, while helping the Normandy Landings Association build up the museum's collection.

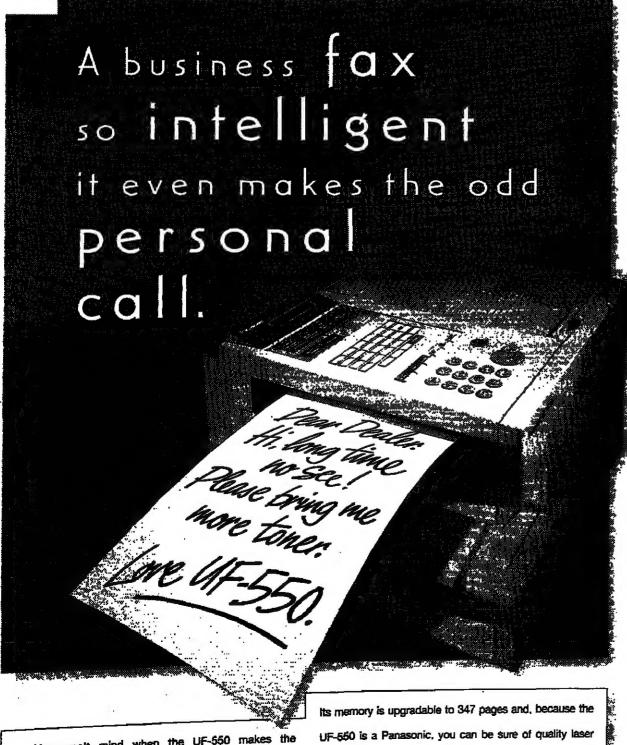
In 1993, councillors refused the café a licence for safety reasons. It reopened in time for the 50th anniversary of D-Day in 1994, but ran into further trouble when Major Howard was thrown out for filming with a German television crew without Mme Gondrée's per-

mission. Major Howard, who drank champagne with Mme Gondrée's father to celebrate liberation 53 years ago, has again been barred from the café over his support for the museum. He now joins other veterans in a cafe not even built in 1944 when he visits Bénouville.

Raymond Triboulet, the 91-year-old president of the Normandy Landings Association, is planning new legal action to have Mme Gondrée thrown out of the café.

Even the Pegasus Bridge itself has proved controversial. The original bullet-scarred bridge was taken down in 1993 and replaced by a stronger one, but the original still languishes rusting in a field while veterans and locals disagree about its future.

Some British veterans want to bring it to Britain, while others, including Major Howard, favour a proposal to reerect it over the River Orne as the centrepiece of a memorial park. Many locals, including Mme Gondrée, oppose a memorial park as it would bring too many tourists to the area.



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Mandelson should stick to strategy, not intrigue



Mandelson: has become

PETER MANDELSON is a much misunderstood politician. He is often depicted as a cross between Rasputin and Machiavelli, obsessed with the next day's headines. There is that side to him. or rather was, since he is now much less concerned with day-to-day media management. But his far more important contribution has been strategic, in the creation and development of "new" Labour. That is why he has become so indispensable to Tony Blair.

The misunderstanding is partly Mr Mandelson's own fault, since he encourages his image as an eminence grise, the man of mys-

tery and power in the salons of the fashionable. That side surfaced during August when he was the public face of the Government and became involved in undignified spats with the BBC.

But while in no way a policy wonk in the sense that Gordon Brown is, Mr Mandelson also has a serious side. That has appeared twice in the past week. First - and unpublicised — he travelled to Germany and met senior politicians and businessmen who were eager to hear his views. He would have surprised those who regard him as merely a "spin doctor" by the depth of his account of the

Government's position. The Chancellor and the Foreign

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Secretary need not worry. Mr Mandelson stuck strictly to the official line and offered reassurance that Britain would not seek to obstruct the start of monetary union in 1999.

Second, Mr Mandelson delivered a thoughtful speech yesterday on "co-ordinating government policy". Mr Blair and his advisers had been worried about the absence of such central co-ordination, particularly on issues crossing departmental boundaries. The changes have involved closer co-ordination between the Downing Street Policy Unit and the Cabinet Office, the

creation of special task forces on social exclusion, tax and benefits. youth justice etc.

Mr Mandelson made no mention of a presidential system, but that is what his phrase about "a strong centre at its hub" and supporting "the Prime Minister at the centre of government" is coming to mean. The Cabinet and its regular committees are less important, except on special problems such as the devolution White Papers, as the lead is coming from No 10 and the Cabinet Office.

Of course, at a personal level, Mr Mandelson remains the Prime

Minister's trusted strategic, and tactical, adviser, always at the end of a phone. While he deserves much of the credit for the rise of Mr Blair and for creating Blairism. it is quite wrong to see a one-

way manipulative relationship. Mr Blair uses Mr Mandelson. as well as relying on him. That was shown after May I when Mr Mandelson sought to break free. But he was blocked by Mr Blair, as Derek Draper, a former Mandelson adviser, points out in his new Blair's 100 Days, a lively and wellinformed account though marred occasionally by a cheerleading partisan tone.

He writes: "While Mandelson publicly hinted that he would like be awarded some other heavyweight post. Blair insisted on him remaining close by his side." The word was that "Peter is to carry on

being Peter".
That is fine in the short-term, but only as long the relationship with the Prime Minister is maintained. Mr Mandelson has never been popular with Labour MPs. He is trying to build up his own base by seeking election to the party's National Executive Committee, and is a strong contender to enter the Cabinet in an early reshuffle. His long-term future will depend on which side of his character the salon manipulator or the cool strategist — is dominant.

Reformers

urge new

law for gay

partners

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT COHABITING partners including homosexual couples should be able to claim dam-

ages if one of them is killed in an accident, the Law Commission - the Government's law reform body - says today. Under the present law only a limited range of relatives can

claim for bereavement damages when someone is killed in

an accident and also damages

Two kinds of damages are

payable: bereavement damages under the Fatal Acci-

dents' Act 1976 which are for

grief and distress; and duni-

ages awarded by courts for financial loss. But both are

restricted to certain relatives.

Today the Law Commission

says in a consultation paper

that it is time to scrap the list of

who can claim and open up

damages to other people who

suffer as a result of a fatal

accident. It also says that

bereavement damages should

be increased from £7,500 to

At present, the dead per-son's "partner" does not quali-

fy for bereavement damages.

nor do his or her children, nor

brothers or sisters. If the

victim was aged over 18. no-

£10,000 and index-linked.

for financial loss suffered.

'Yes' vote will revive Wales, says Hain

By Valerie Elliott

WALES would lose thousands of jobs if voters rejected an assembly in tomorrow's referendum, a minister claimed Peter Hain, a Welsh Office

Minister, hailed the advantages that an assembly would bring for inward investors but said foreign companies would lose interest in Wales if people did not have the confidence to support devolution.

The business case for a Welsh assembly became a central issue yesterday as both sides tried to attract the large number of "don't knows". An HTV poll showed the figure had climbed to 34 per cent from 27 per cent last

The Labour Party will keep up the momentum today with a visit from John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, to Swansea while Harriet Harman, the Social Security Min-ister, is expected in Cardiff. For the Tories, William Hague will will tour Wales attempting to maximise the "no" vote. Last night Michael Ancram, the Tory constitutional spokesman, claimed an assembly would lose jobs. At a "just say

no" rally in Llandrindod Wells he said: "Watch business in the South East and South West of England quietly cele-brate if Wales votes 'yes'. All this would be meat and drink to England who would suddenly see the opportunities to compete with Wales for in-

However Mr Hain said that foreign companies can-vassed by the Welsh Office believed an assembly would provide a platform for exports to the Continent. Mr Hain said: "It is a highly competitive market and they want the support an assembly would give." For the first time Wales would have "a voice straight into Europe's decision-

ward investment."

Although confidential talks are still going on with the Welsh Office, it has emerged that the Taiwanese computer company Acer is discussing opening a Welsh plant with 1,000 jobs. But the company has made clear that the opendoor via Brussels to Europe might be the clinching factor. Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, has pledged that the

assembly would open an office



Tony Blair campaigning in Wrexham yesterday for a "yes" vote; both sides are fighting hard to win over the 34 per cent of voters who are undecided

in Brussels and that key members would be called ministers and would take part in Council of Ministers meetings. He also believes the potential for Wales will grow as European countries devolve

to regional government.

Mr Hain was yesterday visiting the 250 acre LG plant in Newport, which will bring 6,000 jobs and is the largest single investment project in Europe. The plant was se-cured just before the last election by Mr Hague, then Welsh Secretary, after beating off a strong challenge from the

Scots, but it is understood to be costing the taxpayer about £25,000 for each of the 6,100 jobs on site. The Welsh Office reckoning, however, is that the knock-on effect on supply companies and service industry will create another 15,000

Mr Hain accepted that Wales would still need funds to assist companies setting up there. Money would become available as the quango state was dismantled.

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Pull together, Whitehall told

By JILL SHERMAN

PETER MANDELSON yesterday defended the increas-ing centralisation of the Government as he warned individual Whitehall departments to pull together. But he claimed that the aim

was to encourage the collec-tive working of Cabinet government, not to impose "some quasi-presidential ap-proach". The Minister with-

out Portfolio argued that departments should not be bogged down in bureaucratie turf wars" as he gave a sign that Labour intended further reforms of government ma-chinery, including the Cabi-

net committees. Speaking at a London conference held by the University of Birmingham. Mr Mandelson criticised previous gov-ernments for failing to have a proper structure to support

the Prime Minister in coordinating strategy. He com-plained that in the past Whitehall departments had not been effective in coordinating cross-departmental policy. resulting in ineffectual government.

For this reason a strong centre of government, harnessing the strength of No 10 and Cabinet Office, has been created to bolster and sharpen up that process," he said.

one can recover damages as a result of his or her death. The commission recommends that the list be extended to include children, siblings and possibly cohabiting partners. As for damages payable for financial loss, these are limited to a stautory list which have not lived together for at least two years, same-sex partners, children who were not

the deceased's but were treated by him or her as part of the family, other children the deceased helped to suppost; or distant relatives supported by the deceased. The commission suggests

that instead of a list, any individual should have a right of recovery who was or would have been dependent on the deceased, totally or in part.

In a second paper the commission looks at the other side of the coin, the possible "overcompensation" of widows who receive damages on the death of a spouse when it may be known that they are to remarry.

Tory MEPs pick leader who is likely to clash with Hague

AFTER weeks of campaigning, the small band of Conservative MEPs yesterday picked Edward McMillan-Scott, a moderate pro-European, as their new leader

Mr McMillan-Scott, MEP for North Yorkshire and one of the more visible Britons in the European Parliament, succeeds Tom Spencer, MEP for Surrey, whose pro-European views landed him in trouble with the home party and led to fighting within the 18-member

Conservatives view many of their

Strasbourg brethren as hopeless cases. Despite Mr McMillan-Scott's general loyalty to the party line, tensions with William Hague's team are likely to continue. Although no federalist, Mr McMillan-Scott, 48, wants Conservatives to change their attitude towards Europe. "What we need to be is serious about the single currency." he said last night. "It does look as if it is going to go ahead and a standpoint which takes account of the pitfalls as well as any potential

"I want to build bridges between Europe and the Conservative Party because ... economic realism is

benefits is more realistic.

breaking out all over. In Douglas Hurd's words, things are going our way'." He dismissed claims that the Tories were a spent force in Europe and lacked credibility among their counterparts in the Commons.

Mr McMillan-Scott will lead the group to Downing Street next week for their first meeting with Mr Hague. "We are a small team in an increasingly important institution," he said. "We belong to a party which has held power longer than any in history. Its basic beliefs in freedom and choice within the rule of law have shaped Eastern Europe and the EU's single market. We are on

the threshold of new developments

He said the job now was to prepare the party for the 1999 Euroelections, which he saw as Mr Hague's first national electoral test. The Tory group, which was reduced to a rump in the 1994

elections when Labour won 62 seats. picked Mr McMillan-Scott by nine votes in a third-round run-off against Edward Kellett-Bowman. MEP for Itchen. Test and Avon. Caroline Jackson, MEP for Wiltshire North and Bath, was third. The Euro-Conservatives are allied in the Strasbourg assembly with the

in Europe which affect every Briton European People's Party, the main-and we are ready for these ly Christian Democrat group domi-

nated by the Germans. A former political consultant and MEP since 1984, the suave Mr McMillan-Scott is Conservative spokesman on foreign affairs and defence. But he made his name campaigning against fraud and waste by EU institutions.

His main achievement has been a long campaign that forced the Commission to start proceedings for fraud against officials in its tourism division. He is also the author of a series of fact cards that boil down complicated EU issues to a series of easy-to-digest nuggets.



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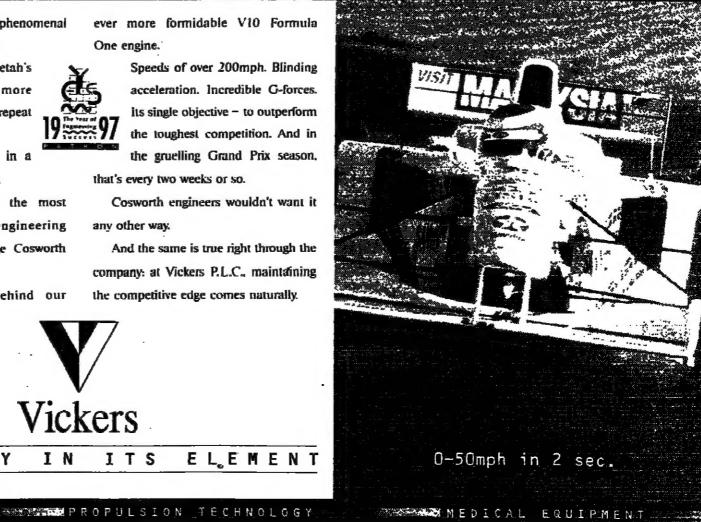
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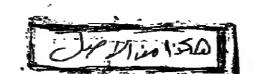
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Children to be given lessons in handling stress

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

CHILDREN as young as five are to be given lessons in "psychological healthcare" to help them to cope with the stresses of modern life, from bullying to divorce and

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The project, backed by the Samaritans and endorsed by the World Health Organisation, has been prompted by concern that too much attention is paid to children's physical needs at the expense of halping them to develop

emotionally.

Vanda Scott, director of Befrienders International, which represents the Samaritans worldwide, said that, just as children are taught to washtheir hands before eating and to brush their teeth, they need to be taught the rudiments of psychological healthcare if they are to become emotionally strong adults.

Society today is increasingly difficult for young people. Grief and tragedy are flashed on our screens from all over the world. Traditional support systems are breaking down. Children suffer from divorce, bullying, violence, from having parents who are unemployed or by having parents who both work, she said.

"Children need to be equipped with the skills and knowledge that will give them resilience to everyday adversi-ties. This will stand them in good stead through the highrisk teenage years into adult

devising an education pack for five to eight-year-olds for use by parents, teachers, community workers and childcare professionals. It will be tried out with volunteer groups in Denmark before being tested in other countries.

The project, called Reaching Young Europe, is sponsored by the pharmaceutical company SmithKline Beecham. One scheme under consideration for the education pack is a game developed by child psychologists in Canada. A Santa Claus figure visits a group of children with a load of parcels, each one representing a different problem, such as bullying or scolding. The children sit around the parcels and discuss how they might react to each one, what might be the best way of dealing with it and what to say to friends who encounter it. The discus-

Teaching may also take place through simplistic forms, such as cartoon figures in a book acting out a story." Ms Scott said.

sion may include role-play.

She added that one longterm aim of the project was to reduce suicides among adolescents by teaching how to cope with stress early on. Although there were only three recorded suicides among five to 14-year-olds in Britain in 1996 and five the previous year, it is feared that the real figure may be much higher because coroners are reluctant to identify a child's death as suicide.

believes there are at least 19,000 case of attempted suicide among those aged ten to 19 each year in England and Wales. The suicide rate for young men is now 40 per cent higher than in the early 1980s.

While the Reaching Young Europe education pack will not actively raise the subject of suicide with the children, Professor Brian Mishara, a psychologist at the University of Quebec, who is taking part in the project, believes that it is an issue that most children are aware of and needs to be addressed by educators at an early age. He said: "Children develop

their knowledge based upon discussion with other children and media depictions of suicide as an heroic act. It therefore seems appropriate to develop methods for teaching children about suicide at an



George Freud, 2, and Oscar Nemon's statue of Sigmud, his great-grandfather, after it was moved yesterday to the Tavistock Centre in Hampstead, northwest London. The statue, cast in 1970, had for years been largely unseen behind Swiss Cottage Library

Parents should state facts and show they care AEDICAL BRIEFING articulately as a six-year-old.

PARENTS dread breaking bad news to their children almost as much as they fear

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

explaining sex to them. Dr Bernard Valman, a consultant paediatrician who wrote a recent British Medical Association book on children, said: "Adults worry in case they make a hash of imparting serious news to children and make an awful situation worse. In fact, what often happens is that the children have already anticipated the bad news and will frequently do their best to

help their parents."

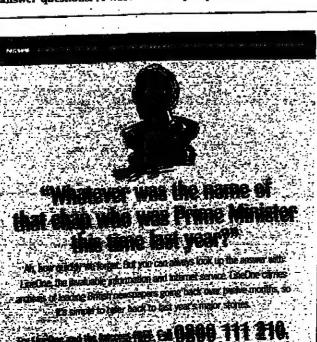
Most of the conversations are nowhere near as bad as the parent, or other adult, was expecting. The closer the child is to the adult emotionally, the easier it will be to explain death, divorce or disaster in a way which will upset the child least.

In general, Dr Valman nends that children should be told the facts "straight". Even at the age of four, children will accept death, or disaster, but they will not understand the permanence of death until they

are about eight.
When adults talk to childrea about family problems, they should also be comforting, and be prepared to answer questions. A word of warning: children mature at different rates. Some threeyear-olds are not only capable of feats of reasoning but they can express emotions as

When parents are divorcing, children from an early age will want to know where they are going to live, who is going to have responsibility for their care, and how often they are going to meet the other parent. Many fear that their behaviour, or their very presence, may have precipitated the divorce. Dr Valman emphasises the importance of parents saying that, alugh they may no longer love each other enough to stay together, their love for their children remains unaltered. Both parents, together, should talk to the children.

Even in the 1950s it was assumed that, somewhere between nine and 11, children acquired knowledge of sex from their peer group, and that it was better they discuss it among themselves than learn it from their parents. It is now thought that the sub-ject should be broached well before puberty, at about six, seven or eight, before a child is prey to other children's storytelling, which may be not only irrelevant, but physi-





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Ramblers win court victory over landowner who blocked right of

way with barbed wire and tons of manure, writes Michael Horsnell

A FARMER who blocked public footpaths with tons of manure was fined £500 and ordered to pay costs of £3,500 yesterday for "blatantly flout-ing" the rights of walkers.

The case was a victory for the Rambiers' Association. which prosecuted John Gooderham after months of fruithim to clear the rights of way at Red House Farm, Gislingham, near Stowmarket, Suffolk.

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Anyone keeping to the footpath and bridleway on his personal plea.

He told St Edmundsbury magistrates at Bury St Edmundsbury magistrates at Bury St Edmundsbury to they managed to circumvent the huge muck heap and two electric fences, a court was

John Andrews, a footpaths secretary for the association's Suffolk branch, claimed Gooderham reacted with threats and abuse when he pointed out the obstructions,

Commission rights-of-way

After mentioning one of the paths in a walking guide for his local newspaper in 1995, he had several complaints from readers allegedly harassed by the farmer while taking the route.

Mr Andrews, 59, a retired geography teacher, wrote to Gooderham to ask him to keep the paths clear and

proached Gooderham to discuss the issue, he made it clear he wasn't interested. He suggested that, it being a Sunday, we should bend down on our knees in church and pray for forgiveness for going around the countryside harassing innocent people

Mr Andrews, of Ingham,



Andrews: said farmer reacted with threats

near Bury St Edmunds, and fellow Ramblers' Association member John Sayer returned to the farm in July last year and took photographs as

"The way was completely blocked by a substantial heap of manure, 8ft to 10ft high and about 30ft wide, so we had to force our way through crops to get around it," he said.

Gooderham, who breeds cattle and grows crops, location of the paths with Suffolk County Council. But magistrates dismissed his claim after hearing that the two rights of way were laid down on a definitive map and farmers were obliged by law to maintain paths on their

Gooderham denied two charges of obstructing rights of way and two of failing to indicate their width by keep-ing them clear. He admitted one charge of obstructing a path with a barbed-wire

Meg Clibbon, chairman of the bench, told him: "You blatantly flouted the law and, despite your small means, you must pay a fine. I strongly advise you to get your farm in order or this kind of case will

come to court again." Gooderham, who claims his farm is running at a loss because of the BSE crisis and a drop in corn prices, said after the case: "This was the first time I have ever been in

"I think my punishment was very harsh. I have not seen any ramblers for the last four months. They tend to be a pain in the neck because they leave gates undone so animals get out."

Mr Andrews said: "I don't



take any pleasure in somebody being punished, but this prosecution was a last resort. We had tried absolutely everything else."

John Trevelyan, deputy director of the Ramblers' Association, said that the Gooderham case was among the worst that the organisation had come across. He added that the arable areas of eastern England were the most notorious for suffering

from footpath obstructions caused by farmers.

In 1988 the Countryside Commission found in a survey that only two thirds of paths were in a satisfactory condition.

That had improved by 1994, when a second survey was commissioned, to three quarters. But the commission said that, even though the situation continued to improve, it was pessimistic about reach-

ing its target of all paths being

clear by 2000. The prosecution was only the fifth brought by the associ-ation since the 1990 Rights of

Way Act made landowners responsible for maintaining

brought under the 1980 High-

ways Act, amended by the 1990 Rights of Way Act.

Prosecutions are normally brought by the highway au-thorities. The case was

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Historic Edinburgh bell rings out again

The Netherbow Bell in Edinburgh was rung for the first time in more than 200 years yesterday. The bronze bell, made in The Netherlands in 1621, originally hung in the Netherbow Port, the city's principal gateway, which was demolished in 1764. It has been rehung in a new frame near by as part of a redevel-opment of the Netherbow area costing more than £160,000. Also on the site is the former home of John Knox, the 16th-century Protestant reformer.

2.5m bees stolen

Thieves stole 27 hives with 2.5 million bees and a quantity of honey at Beeley Moor. Derbyshire. Police believe the hives, worth £4.000, may be sold on the black market after a plague destroyed hives

Love letters

A wife painted "Ian I love you" in 20ft letters in the street after her husband said she did not express her love enough. Karen Fitzpatrick. 32. was ordered to pay £25 compensation for criminal damage at Sudbury. Suffolk.

Hospital crash

An elderly couple suffered serious head and face injuries when their car ploughed into the porch of the physio-therapy department of Orsett Hospital, near Grays, Essex. Fire crews spent 20 minutes cutting them free.

Vintage pies

Trading standards officers found 12-year-old tins of steak pies and an old can of aprirots containing decomposed metal flakes on sale at a shop at Midsomer Norton, Somerset. The shopkeeper was fined £300 plus costs.

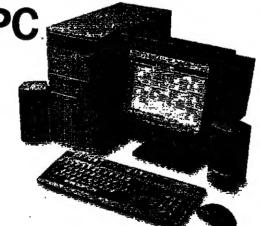
Bill of thanks

A couple have found letters sent by Buffalo Bill in their garden shed in Warrington. Andy and Tina Rogers say they were sent to the local chief constable thanking him for retrieving jewellery stolen from his touring show.

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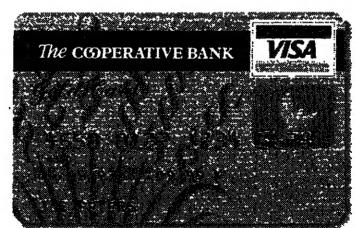
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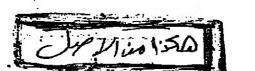
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Blind man 'has key to Tsar's secret library'

AN elderly and blind Moscow pensioner claims to have the key to one of Russia's most enduring historical riddles: the whereabouts of Ivan the Terrible's secret library, hidden beneath the Kremlin for more than four centuries.

At a meeting on Monday in his tiny flat this week with Yuri Luzhkov, Mayor of Moscow. Apalos Ivanov. 87, said that he had visited the maze of tunnels beneath Russia's seat of power and established where the hundreds of unique books and manuscripts must have been hidden. According to Tass, Mr Ivanov asked Mr Luzhkov to help to secure the necessary permission and fund an archaeological team to find the lost library.

The fate of the estimated 800 books and manuscripts has fascinated historians since they were lost during the reign of Ivan IV, known as the Terrible (1530-1584), Although the library carries the name of the most notorious Tsar, he inherited most of the collection, assembled by his grandfather, Ivan the Great.

The library is thought to have contained some of the earliest books written in Russian, but it is made up mostly of Greek, Latin, Hebrew and Egyptian manuscripts transferred to Russia by Sophia Palaeologa, niece of the last Byzantine Emperor, who married Ivan the Great.

Historians know about the existence of the library because Ivan the Terrible instructed scribes to translate the books into Russian, al-



Richard Beeston reports on a pensioner who says he has solved the mystery of Ivan the Terrible's missing manuscripts

tire collection. According to legend, the library once filled three halls and was so valued by Ivan the Terrible that he built a vault to protect them from the fires that regularly swept Moscow. Historians are divided on

what happened after Ivan's death. Some believe that the literary treasure was de-stroyed by fire in 1547, 1571 or ioli. Another possibility is that the manuscripts and books were removed from Moscow and taken to Sergeyev Posad, 50 miles north of the capital, where Ivan moved his court in the latter part of his reign.

Historians, archaeologists, Peter the Great and even the Vatican have searched fruitlessly for the missing library for hundreds of years. One historian, who dedicated his professional life to discovering the treasure, was blocked at every attempt by the Kremlin's huge walls and founda-tions. After the murder of the Bolshevik leader Sergei Kirov in Leningrad in 1934, which became the pretext for Stalin's purges, the Soviet authorities tightened security at the Kremlin and banned any further searches.

However, last year German Sterligov, a former businessman and amateur historian, though none of the scholars said that he was going to was allowed access to the en-

Moscow and signed a trade

agreement with Ivan the Ter-

life in the Kremlin court in the

mid-1550s in his travel log

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equipment. He planned to concentrate his efforts away from the Kremlin because he was convinced that Stalin's secret police had combed every inch of the fortification. Some unkind critics of Mr

Luzhkov have suggested that the latest hunt could simply be a publicity stunt timed to coincide with the 850th anniversary celebrations of Moscow's founding.

Others are convinced that this time the missing collec-tion will be found, not least because Mr Ivanov is blind. According to legend, anyone coming close to solving the mystery of the library loses his



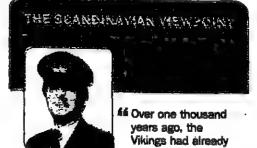
Nikolai Cherkasov as Ivan the Terrible in the first of Sergei Eisenstein's films on the Tsar's life. Ivan inherited most of his collection of books and manuscripts, which is thought to have included some of the earliest books written in Russian, from his grandfather



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Ruler's demonic image obscures years of reform

RENEWED interest in the fate of Ivan the Terrible's lost library is likely to reopen the debate about the legacy of rible, was impressed by the Russia's most notorious Tsar, monarch when he described whose accomplishments as a statesman, diplomat and book-lover are frequently overshadowed by his more bloodstained exploits (Rich-

ard Beeston writes). In the imagination of every Russian schoolchild, the image of Ivan IV, who lived from 1530 to 1584, is vividly stamped by Repin's haunting portrait of the crazed ruler

way of maintaining personal control over his court. "The Russes tolde our men that the reason thereof, as also clutching the body of his son and heir after he had killed of the bestowing of bread in the boy in a mad rage. Not that manner, was to the ende until Stalin's purges four centhat the Emperour might turies later has anyone been so **6** He founded the feared

demonised in Russian history. The judgment, Oprichniki, however, tends to overlook the the first first half of Ivan's reign, which was marked by a period of wise

and relatively progressive government. The monarch, who came to the throne at 17, was instantly under threat from his rebellious noblemen but, once he had consolidated his position, he set about strengthening his

kingdom. During the 1550s be re-formed the legal and administrative systems, improved relations with the Church and instituted badly needed changes in the military. He expanded his domain by con-quering Moscow's ancient rivals on the Volga and, in a bold move for the period, established strong commer-, cial ties with England. Richard Chancellor, an son, Fyodor.

organised secret police 9 point in Ivan's reign came after the death of

his wife, Anastasia Romanova, who he is suspected of murdering. He then became obsessive about state security and founded the feared Oprichniki, the first organised secret police, whose ruthless methods of eliminating real or supposed enemies would be continued later by the Tsar's Okhrana and even-

tually by the Soviet KGB. There is strong evidence that by the end of his reign Ivan the Terrible had become mentally unhinged. In 1581, he murdered his son, and three years later he died and was succeeded by his second

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FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A TENNESSEE judge who sexually assaulted at least five women in chambers was on the run from the law yesterday.

His disappearance resulted in a national manhunt throughout the United States. The bizarre saga, in which David Lanier was convicted, released and then ordered back to prison by the Supreme Court, resulted in the publication yester-day of a "wanted" poster for his arrest.

Lanier, 63. has been ootted in Canada, Nevada and Florida in recent months, as well as in Dyersburg, Tennessee, the small town over which he reigned like a sexual

His victims had included job applicants, clerks and even a mother fighting a custody hattle. They testified that he had grabbed them and, on occasion, exposed himself under his black robe and

demanded oral sex. The judge denied the charges, describing himself as a "hugging-type person" but was convicted on five counts and sentenced to 25 years in jail.

Campus plays it cool as Chelsea goes to college

FROM IAN BRODIE IN STANFORD, CALIFORNIA

EVERYONE is trying to be terribly cool about the arrival on Friday at Stanford University in California of Chelsea Victoria Clinton.

On the campus, a haven of nearly constant sunshine, high academic achievement and raucous antics, a spokesman said: "Chelsea will receive a warm but normal welcome." Normal, that is, except for driving up in a presidential motorcade with her parents, Bill and Hillary Clinton, plus their entourage of aides, the White House press and the San Francisco

The Clintons want their daughter to experience typical college life, despite having at least two Secret Service agents close at hand. After the public festivities to greet new students and parents, the media will be told to go away until Miss Clinton, now 17, graduates in four years' time.

A similar request was honoured in Washington where she attended school. learnt to drive, was invited to sleep-over parties and went on dates, all without press intrusion. She has emerged as a bright, poised and down-toearth young woman.

razzi after the death of Diana. Princess of Wales, has eased the task of Stanford in protecting Miss Clinton's privacy. The university and the White House have asked local editors to follow the precedent of British newspapers, which kept their promise not to publish photographs of Prince William and Prince Harry

returning to school. Two other American universities shielded celebrity stu-dents successfully. Yale put a guard on Jodie Foster after it emerged that the man who shot and wounded President Reagan had first tried to contact her. Another Hollywood actress, Brooke Shields. had bodyguards at Princeton where two pararazzi were ejected from the campus early

where Miss Clinton will live, although as a freshman she will share a room with another female student in a coed dormitory, or what she will study, although her ambition to be a cardiologist means taking an arduous pre-medi-

The student newspaper, The Stanford Daily, will cover

The backlash against papa- Miss Clinton's arrival but carry no further reports unless she does something newsworthy. Carolyn Sleeth, the editor, will dismiss any staff caught peddling tips about Miss Clinton to outside media. In an editorial, she will ask students to leave the young woman alone and report any strangers inquiring about her.

Readers will probably oblige, even while they speculate endlessly about her. Peter Morrow, a second-year student, confirmed that nobody wants to appear "uncool" around her. He said: "Guys joke about asking Chelsea for a date, but when the time comes they will treat her just like any other person and not make an extreme effort to see

Miss Clinton can be certain

of at least one kiss at Stanford during a tradition marking the term's first full moon, when willing new students are randomly kissed by upper-classmen in the main quadrangle. Stanford has equal numbers of men and women but dating is said to be surprisingly infrequent, maybe because studies are demanding. "Less sex than a monastery," one student said.



President Clinton leaving church in Washington with his wife and daughter on Sunday, their last weekend together before Chelsea's departure for university

CIA's exhibition on spying kept behind locked doors

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IN the most telling of events to commemorate the 50th anni-versary of the CIA, President Clinton yesterday entered the clandestine compounds of the intelligence agency to uncloak an exhibit of Cold War spy

equipment — for his eyes only.

The collection included a pipe that shoots bullets, a tie with a map inside its lining, combs with concealed knile blades and cufflinks contain-

ing compasses.
The exhibit is to-remain behind the locked gates at Langley, the CIA's sprawling

Virginia headquarters — a final testament to the secrecy which still plagues the American intelligence community.

Half a century after President Truman formed the agency as a successor to the Office of Strategic Studies the CIA is facing a midlife crisis. The Russian enemy has been replaced by a nest of vipers, its Cold War heroes have turned to fat; invisible ink and poisontipped canes have long been

need to generate public sup-

port for an estimated budget of \$3 billion (£1.9 billion) and 17,000 employees — the true figures have never been revealed — while maintaining

its famous camouflage. John McLaughlin, the deputy director for intelligence, vesterday attempted to rebut criticism in Washington that the CIA was marking tomorrow's anniversary like an ageing roué, celebrating its past more than its future. He said world changes had merely resulted in myriad new areas of intelligence responsibility.

WORLD --SUMMARY 1

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Gibraltar sea hunt for survivors

Gibraltar: A sea and air rescue search in the Straits of Gibraltar continued last night for 17 Moroccans and two Spaniards whose vessel capsized in a suspected operation to smuggle illegal immigrants into Spain (Dominique Searle writes). HMS York was leading a team of Gibraltar rescue vessels. Five men were

29 die in crash

Cairo: Twenty-nine children and teenagers were killed and 54 injured when a lorry, taking them to pick cotton near a village 74 miles north of here, ran off the road and overturned in a canal. (AP)

High anxiety

Lille: A shopping centre here time in two days after one of its 12-storey towers inexplicably started shaking. It was re-opened later, but the tower remained closed. (Reuters)

Lofty ambition

New York: Donald Trump. the property magnate, is planning a 69-storey apartment block near the 38-floor United Nations headquarters. The building would cost \$300 million (£187 million).

Press infiltrated

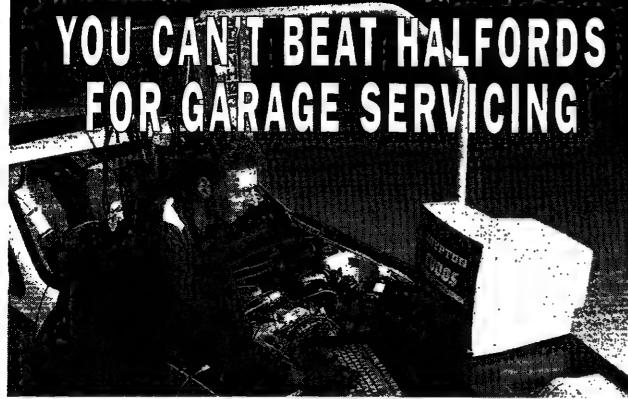
papers were paid informers of 1980s, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was told by a former police captain.

Debris traps 15

Bombay: Indian authorities feared up to 15 people were trapped in the debris of a seven-storey office block that partly collapsed in the commercial capital, killing at least two people. (Reuter)

Exam cheats

Lagos: More than 81,000 Nigerian students have lost out on university places after being disqualified for cheating in entrance exams, authorities said. A further 1,500 did not fill in forms correctly. (Reuters)



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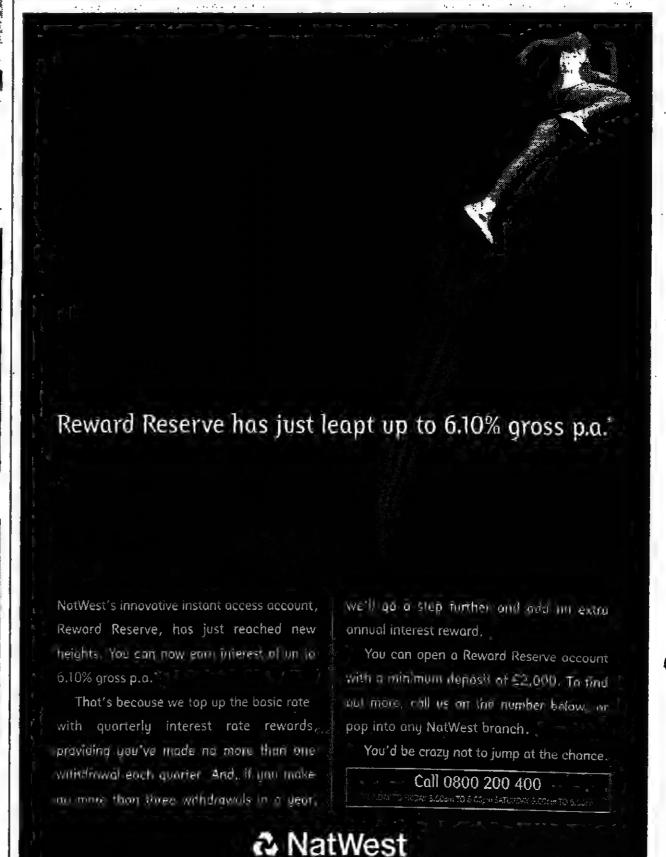
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New Mir scare after near-miss with US satellite

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE crew of the Russian Mir is already damaged from space station Mir. already coping with a series of system failures and breakdowns, prepared for an emergency evacuation from the complex earlier this week during a near-miss in space with an American military satellite, Russian officials said yesterday.

They said the crew scrambled into their Soyuz escape capsule and remained there for 30 minutes, while the satellite hurtled by on Monday night, passing within 500 yards of the space station, its closest encounter with any unrelated craft in its 11-year

A ÚS military spokesman said the craft that passed near Mir was a ballistic missile defence satellite put into orbit by the Pentagon in 1994. The US Space Command said the Russians had been given 36 hours' notice that the satellite was expected to pass within 1.000 yards of Mir.

"It's not unusual, but it's not an everyday occurrence eia collision with a supply craft during a practice docking in June, which punctured one of its research modules and caused the loss of about half the station's power.

The latest incident will only add weight to the doubts about the continuing viability of Mir, which has been in operation for six years more than originally intended. Shortly before the near-miss, the crew had just finished fixing the fourth breakdown in their main computer since July. They have also been plagued by other system failures, including the air supply temperature control, making life on the complex

extremely uncomfortable. The faults in the air supply system have also caused problems by allowing an excessive build-up of carbon dioxide aboard the complex. This can lead to drowsiness and reduced efficiency among the crew, who frequently have to act fast to avert crises.

running on full power.
The US shuttle Atlantis is due to blast off for Mir next week, bringing supplies and more repair equipment, as well as Dr Foale's replace-

naut who carried out a Mir

mission last year, said last

week that the high tempera-

tures, which remained around

36C, as well as the air supply

problems, made the crew

more prone to make mistakes.

following month, when a crew member accidentally un-

plugged the main computer, had been put down to human

error, which some officials

have suggested may have been connected with an exces-

Earlier this month Michael

Foale, the British-born Nasa

astronaut on Mir, carried out

a six-hour space walk with the

flight commander, Anatoli

Solovyov, to inspect the dam-

age caused by the June colli-sion. They failed to locate the

hole in the Spektr module.

which has had to be sealed off

from the rest of the station

since. But an earlier mission to

reattach power cables severed

after the collision was success-

ful and the station is now

sive level of carbon dioxide.

The original collision in

ment, David Wolf. President Yeltsin has ordered a full investigation into the recent mishaps aboard Mir to be completed by the end of the month. Vasili Isibliyev and Aleksandr Lazutkin, the commander and flight engineer on Mir at the time of the collision, may face fines of up to 30 per cent of their pay if they are found to



Henry Szymanski is wel-comed after more than 50 years by his two brothers Konrad, left, and Sigmund, right, at Berlin's Tegel airport yesterday. Henry had

Reunion for Polish brothers parted by Nazis

sent him to a labour camp. As they recognised one another, the three men

kissed one another. "It's very both of them and, God hard to express the feeling Inside," said Henry, 75. of

almighty, they were kids last time I saw them." The Polish family lost contact during

Henry went to America believing his family were dead, They will be reunited with two more brothers. Nicoden. 80. and Mieczyslaw, 67, in

Britain offers to prepare Warsaw forces for Nato

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN WARRAW

GEORGE ROBERTSON, the first Cabinet minister to come to Warsaw since Poland was invited to join Nato, yesterday offered the Polish Government a "shadow general" scheme under which senior British officers would teach their Polish counterparts "everything they need to know about

The proposal was among several offered by the Defence Secretary to help Poland's armed forces accustom themselves to Nato practices before they become full members in 1999, English-language training will also be expanded.

Mr Robertson, in talks with the Polish President and Defence Minister, yesterday received the first insight into how the Poles plan to transform their armed forces over the next 15 years. However, their 15-year strategic defence plan has not been published and Mr Robertson said his talks had to remain confidential. Senior military sources at the Polish

Ministry of National Defence said full membership of Nato would cost the Polish Government \$10 billion (£6.2 billion) over 15 to 20 years. Mr Robertson said, after meeting President Kwasniewski, that the Polish Government left the costs would be

manageable. Part of the strategic defence plan will be to cut the Polish Army from 220,000 to 180,000 and to improve weapons capabilities. The senior Defence Ministry sources said that the main cost to Poland of joining Nato would be the purchase of about 80 new combat aircraft to replace MiG2ls and MiG23s.

The first accession talks between Poland and Nato were completed successfully in Brussels yesterday.

Italian woman prison boss 'had sex with male inmates'

Mir. seemingly no end to the space station's troubles

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE arrest of a woman prison governor on charges of having sex with male inmates was seized on yesterday as proof that conditions in Italian prisons are not merely lax but out of control. "If this was a onewoman crusade to humanise Italy's prisons, perhaps it went a bit too far," Il Messagero di

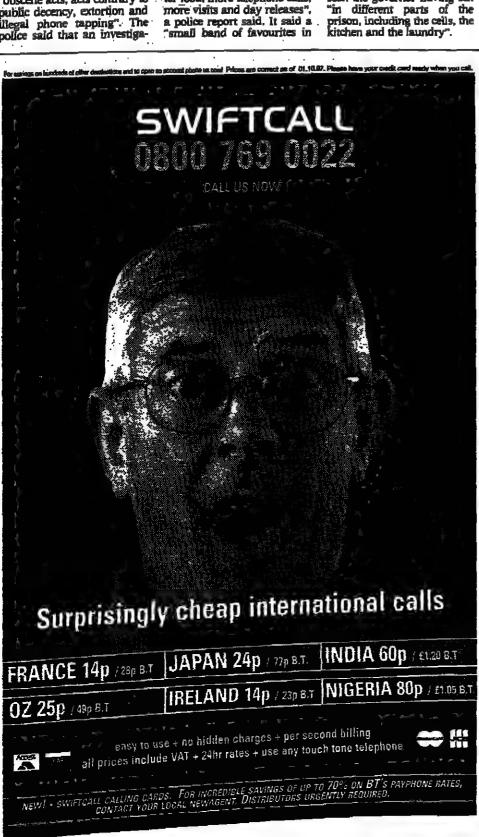
Roma said. Flavia Pignanelli, 45, prison governor at Imperia on the Ligurian coast for the past five ears, was arrested for alleged obscene acts, acts contrary to illegal phone tapping. The police said that an investiga-

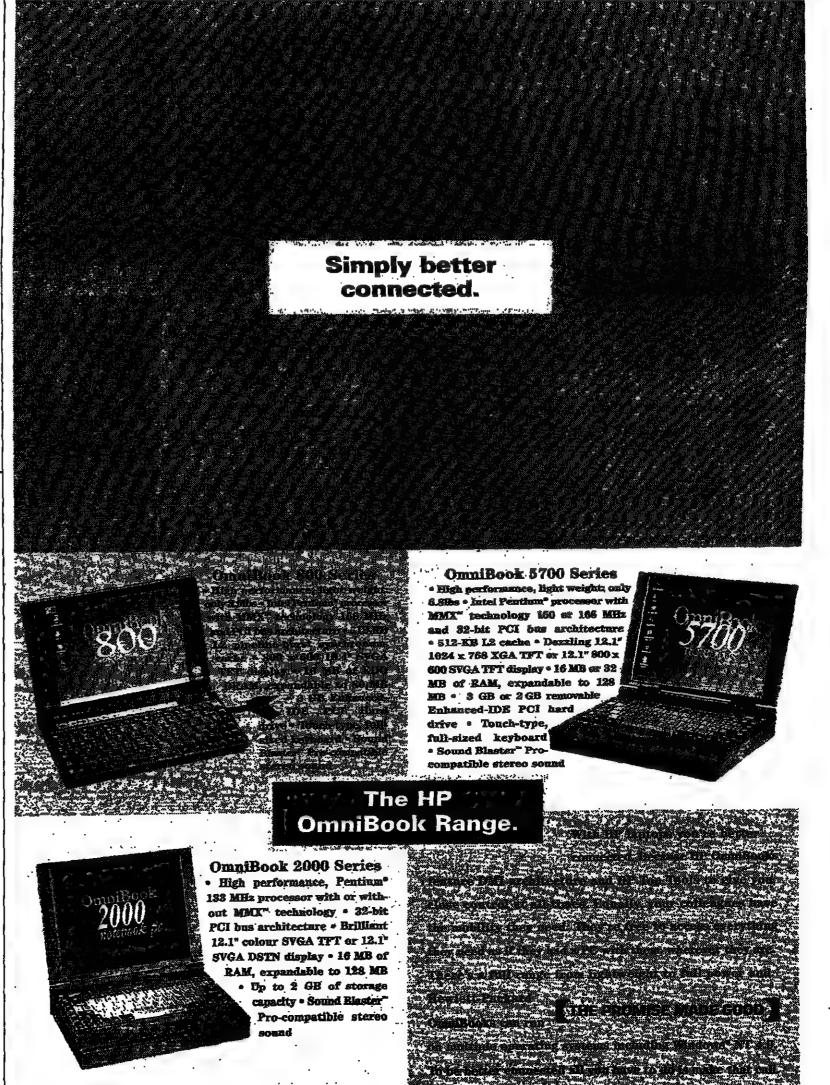
tion into her conduct began a effect ran the prison with her year ago after an inmate at Imperia denounced her for having had "non-professional relations" in 1994 with a convicted drug addict from Milan, by whom she allegedly had a child.

investigators said they had since compiled a list of alleged trimes, including the acceptance of gifts from convicts and their relations "in exchange for her sexual favours". In turn, inmates who had sex with the governor received better treatment and more privileges, including better food, more telephone calls,

and she was often seen "kissing inmates through the bars of their cells"

Signora Pignanelli denied the charges yesterday and said that her accusers were "malicious, crazv and out 10 get me She said her three-year-old child was by a businessman from San Remo who intended to marry her. Tiziana Maiolo, a Forza Italia MP, said Signora Pignanelli was being victimised because she had tried to "improve prison conditions" and was a woman. But witnesses said they had often seen the governor having sex







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1997 Japanese woman tipped for UN deputy's job

SADAKO OGATA, the popular head of the UN refugee agency, is being tipped to be invited to become the first Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, in a move that would enhance Japan's influence in the

world organisation.

Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General, has proposed the creation of the post of Deputy Secretary-General as part of a management reshuffle and is hoping to secure funding from the General Assembly this autumn so that he can make an appointment in

Diplomats say that Japan is push-ing the candidature of Mrs Ogata, who has emerged as the leading defender of the UN system in troublespots as far-flung as the Congo and the former Yugoslavia, because it is losing its highest-ranking officials at the United Nations: Yasushi Akashi. the under-secretary-general for hu-

Tokyo's concern over its lack of representation in the higher ranks of the UN means that the proposed new post of deputy secretary-general may go to Sadako Ogata, reports James Bone

manitarian affairs; Yukio Takasu, the UN controller: and Hiroshi Nakajima, the departing head of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Mrs Ogata, who has more than a year left as UN High Commissioner for Refugees, has won widespread praise for her dynamic leadership of the Geneva-based agency and her frequent missions to the war-ravaged Great Lakes region of Central Africa. For a short time last year, she was even considered a contender in the election of a new United Nations Secretary-General.

She said during a visit to New York this week that she wants to wait before she decides whether to accept the new post. "I would like to think about it after the post is established and I know the exact functions and authority of the Deputy Secretary-General." she said. One UN source said Mrs Ogata wanted to decide where she could make the greatest impact, but might find it difficult to refuse if she is offered the post of Deputy Secre-

tary-General. Mr Annan, a Ghanaian, wants a deputy who can oversee UN activities

that straddle traditional bureaucratic boundaries and has set his sights on appointing a woman from an industrialised country. Some developing countries are suspicious about the new post and may try to block its creation, fearing that a high-profile deputy might overshadow the African Secretary-General.

Mr Annan originally asked Gro Harlem Brundtland, the former Norwegian Prime Minister, to take the post, but she is campaigning to succeed Mr Nakajima at WHO

Japanese officials are unhappy about the loss of their three most senior UN officials at a time when Tokyo is under pressure to pay a greater share of the UN budget and is seeking a permanent seat on an expanded UN Security Council. Bill Richardson, the US Ambassador, recently called on Japan to make up

Washington cuts its United Nations contribution.

American legislation to cap its UN payments at 20 per cent of the UN budget could lead within the next three years to an unprecedented situation in which Japan pays as much in UN dues as the United States, even though its gross domes-tic product is half the size of America's.

Razali Ismail, the Malaystan Ambassador who has just finished his term as president of the UN General Assembly, said that America's determination to set conditions for the payment of its outstanding UN dues would cost it influence within the organisation and could spell the downfall of the United Nations. "Blind unitateralism will be the undoing of the United Nations." Mr

Beijing says judgment on Tiananmen must stand

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELING

BELING said yesterday that the original verdict on the prodemocracy demonstrations of 1989 — that they were part of a counter-revolutionary rebellion" -- would stand, despite a plea from a disgraced party chief that the judgment should be reversed. Xiao Yang, the Justice Min-

ister, told a news conference during the congress of the Chinese Communist Party that "with regard to the question of the incident that happened in 1989, the party has long made these judgments. There will be no change in

Zhao Ziyang, the former heir apparent to Deng Xiaoping, the late Chinese leader. s thought to be the author of a letter to the 2,048 delegates to the congress. The letter called for the verdict to be reversed. adding: "Everyone knows that at the time most of the students wanted punishment of the corrupt, and to promote political reform, and not to overthrow the Communist

Party". Mr Zhao, 77, was purged for showing sympathy towards the students' aims. President Jiang Zemin, a former party leader in Shanghai, has occupied the top party and state posts since the suppression of the demonstrations.

Mr Zhao's letter is circulating among conference delegates. Because of his more liberal political and economic views, Mr Zhao is still treated as a possible threat by party leaders, even though he has been under loose house arrest he is occasionally permitted

to play golf - since May 1989. A spokesman of the Foreign Ministry would not address Mr Zhao's call for a Tiananmen reassessment, or

say whether the letter was from him. The spokesman referred a questioner to the congress spokesman who said earlier: "We have not seen that sort of letter." Mr Xiao said China would

not grant medical parole to Wang Dan, the jailed dissident, despite appeals from his family three months ago that he may be suffering from cancer and requires a brain

"Wang Dan's health is now quite good, so he does not meet the conditions for medical parole," the minister said.

Mr Xiao admitted that Mr Wang had been suffering from a throat ailment but said he had "no major illness". Mr Wang, who is 27, was jailed two years ago for II years on charges of trying to overthrow the Government. He was previously imprisoned for leading the Tiananmen Square

Mr Xiao also accused the family of Wei Jingsheng, the veteran pro-democracy activist, of trying to stir up international opinion to back calls fo his release on medical parole. Mr Wei, who is said by friends to be suffering abuses from prison authorities, would be granted such parole if he qualified. Mr Xiao said, indicating to analysts here that Mr Wei was indeed in poor health. Mr Wei is serving a 14year jail term for plotting to overthrow the Government.



Catherine Brown, seven, in Sydney yesterday with her winning design for the first official poster promoting the 2000 Olympics. It will be one of a series issued by the organising committee as limited editions before the 27th Olympiad

Suharto apologises for fires

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS INJAKARTA

PRESIDENT SUHARTO apologised to Indonesia's neighbours yesterday for hundreds of forest fires that have produced a thick smoke haze over much of South-East Asia. "Indonesia offers its most sincere apologies." he said in a speech opening a three-day conference of environment ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations.

Forest and scrub fires. nany deliberately lit despite a ban on land clearing, have been burning out of control for weeks on the droughtaffected islands of Sumatra, Borneo, Java and Sulawesi, More than 300,000 bectares have been blackened and officials fear for the health of as many as 20 million people.

Huge palls of smoke have

blocked out the sun in some parts of Indonesia. In Singapore and Malaysia, airports have been forced to close. Environment ministers from Malaysia and Singapore called on countries with firefighting expertise to assist.

Race riots: Mobs set fire to shops, houses and vehicles belonging to ethnic Chinese in Ujung Pandang, on the island of Sulawesi, after two Muslim sisters aged nine and 19 were backed to death by a Chinese man who police said was depressed. The gangs also beat the man to death.

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Burmese hold British democracy protester FROM ANDREW CHANT IN BANGKOK

A YOUNG Briton faces a "brutal interrogation" by Bur-ma's military intelligence after he was arrested while staging an anti-government protest in the centre of Rangoon.

James Mawdsley, 19. from London, handcuffed himself to the gates of Rangoon's Public High School No. 6 and shouted pro-democracy slogans be-fore police cut him free and took him away for questioning. Burma's military Government deployed troops in the area, which is near the Information Ministry, shortly afterwards to prevent any further

A Burmese activist in Bangkok said usually those considered political prisoners are taken for interrogation to Rangoon's leared Insein Detention Centre. "He will definitely be interrogated, and if he does go

to insein they are known to be very brutal," he said. "We have many reports of torture by the military intelligence. We are hoping they will deport him quickly.

The activist, who asked for anonymity, said that before he had left for Rangoon Mr Mawdsley had told them: "I want to show the Slore |State Law and Order Restoration Council that the world is watching them. I want the Slore to show love and kindness to their people."

Mr Mawdsley's action was meant to highlight the ninth anniversary of the takeover by the current regime. Witnesses said he spraypainted the Burmese word metta, meaning love and kindness, on the wall of the school, as well as handing out pro-democracy

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IN KINSHASA

FOUR months after driving Mobutu Sese Seko from power, the Government of the renamed Democratic Republic of the Congo has worked economic miracles.

Inflation is negative, the currency has strengthened against the dollar, and the £5 million collected in tax each month has stayed in the central bank. But in sweeping away the late Mobutu's kleptocracy, Laurent Kabila has introduced a no-less con-fusing regime: rule by

Promising democracy when his troops swept into Kinshasa in May. Mr Kabila swiftly banned all political parties and suspended parliament. Pledging himself to end the former Zaire's appalling record in human rights, he has blocked United Nations attempts to investigate allegations of the mass slaughter of Hutu refugees — yesterday again the Government denied UN investigators permission to search for evidence of massacres of Rwandan Hutu refugees in the northern town



Kabila: a crackdown on corruption and looting

no foreign troops were involved in his Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation, but he relies heavily on Tutsi officers from Rwanda to run his army. And while allowing them to loot the homes of "Moburuists" by way of payment, he has cracked down on corruption and intimidation.

The response of the Congolese has been no less bizarre. According to the latest Berci opinion polls, 52 per cent of potential voters consider his regime a "dictatorship", but 51 per cent said he was doing a Mr Kabila has insisted that good job as President. He has

E7, her monthly wage, on a bag of cassava. "Since Kabila came, I can get rice and maize flour as well," she said. "It's Congo blocks office better, of course." But for all the short-term economic success, the presence of the grim-faced Tutsi

guerrillas from Rwanda as the backbone of the Congolese Army remains a source of deep resentment. "How can a tiny country like Rwanda be in control of this country. We are the size of Western Europe," Marc Nzenga, a street trader. complained.

workers, estimated to make up

15 per cent of the public-sector

workforce, and sacks those

who, after years of corrupt

indolence under Mobutu, fail

Vukulu, a waitress, said she

used to spend the equivalent of

to show up for work.

ing pollster, said.

"Without the Tutsis, Kabila would not have an army. And without an army, he would not be able to stay in power. The situation is that simple," a Western ambassador said. "Every day they stay on, they embarrass the new Government in Kinshasa. But they have also proved useful in changing the culture of vice," he added.



Carried on the shoulders students of the Boystown Jerusalem boarding school, Christoph Meili, a Swiss bank security guard, is given a hero's welcome in Israel yesterday for saving documents relating to accounts of

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Hero's welcome for 'righteous gentile'

bank shredder. Students cheered and shook hands with the guard who was fired for his action in January.

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fighters if there is further

deterioration in the political

training for regular and re-

serve units, including the Bor-

school's 1997 "righteous gen-tile" award. He brought Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem to help the research institute track down the documents to Isreal from the Union Bank of Switzerland heirs. in Zurich. He said he would give them to the Yad Vashem

The police opened a criminal investigation against laws. He said that he expeci ed an apology from the Swiss Government

"In all the world I am a hero, and in Switzerland. they ask 'why do you steal documents'?" (AP)

Israelis prepare for guerrilla war

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Defence Force is training for a full-scale guerrilla war in the Palestinjanheld territories because of the current breakdown in the peace process, according to a special briefing given to Israeli papers by a senior Israeli

Preparations for conflict were reported by Tel Aviv and Jerusalem papers yesterday. prompting David Levy, the Foreign Minister, to order an immediate investigation into the leak, which he described as "very serious".

It was meanwhile disclosed The paper added: "The that plans to film part of a bigsources warned of an outbudget American movie starbreak of guerrilla warfare and

ring Harrison Ford in Israel an escalation in the use of had been scrapped because no weapons in the [occupied] insurance company would territories if the current staleprovide cover due to concern mate and mistrust between

Reporting the briefing, The Jerusalem Post said: "The increases." The briefing coincided with he end of Madeleine Israeli Defence Force is brac-Albright's peace mission to the region. The US Secretary of State admitted that mistrust between Israel and the Palessituation. Operational plans tinians had been greater than are being readied, as is special she expected. Reporting the unnamed

general's warning. Haaretz said: "He said the IDF was preparing for wide-ranging combat against guerrilla forces. The army is ready in terms of arming itself and bolstering its defences." . The Government of Binyamin Netanyahu was mean-

while struggling to defuse a Israel and the Palestinians new Arab-Israeli flashpoint caused by the takeover of two homes in annexed east Jerusalem by militant Jewish Tension around the heavily

guarded houses in the suburb of Ras al-Amoud, home to 11,000 Palestinians at the base of the Mount of Olives, remained high as officials attempted to persuade the settlers to voluntarily leave the houses - bought legally by an

Bahrain rebuffed

BRITAIN has rejected fresh complaints from Bahrain that it is sheltering opponents of the Emirs rule (Michael Binyon writes).

The Bahraini Government, smarting from the presence in Britain of Isamic dissidents, yesterday called in the British Ambassador to emphasise its condemnation of those giving them refuge.

in response. Britain denied that it sheltered terrorists and said it would not forbid entry to anyone with proper documentation and a clean record.

for British expert New York: The Government of the Democratic Republic tions, which it blames for

of Cougo, the former Zaire, is preventing a British development expert from establishing a new United Nations office in Kinshasa (James Bone writes). For the last two months the

Congolese authorities have been refusing permission for Robin Kinloch, a long-serving British official at the UN Development Programme (UNDP), to take over as the new UN special representative in Congo at the head of a small UN office.

The dispute reflects the new Government's deep-seated resources.

allowing the genocide of up to a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda in 1994, and then coming to the aid of the Hutu extremists who carried out the killings. Negotiations between the

United Nations and the Congolese authorities about the creation of the new UN office are continuing. Meanwhile, Mr Kinloch, 59, a Londoner who keeps a flat in Tun-bridge Wells, remains stuck at his desk in New York, where he is currently the agency's director of human

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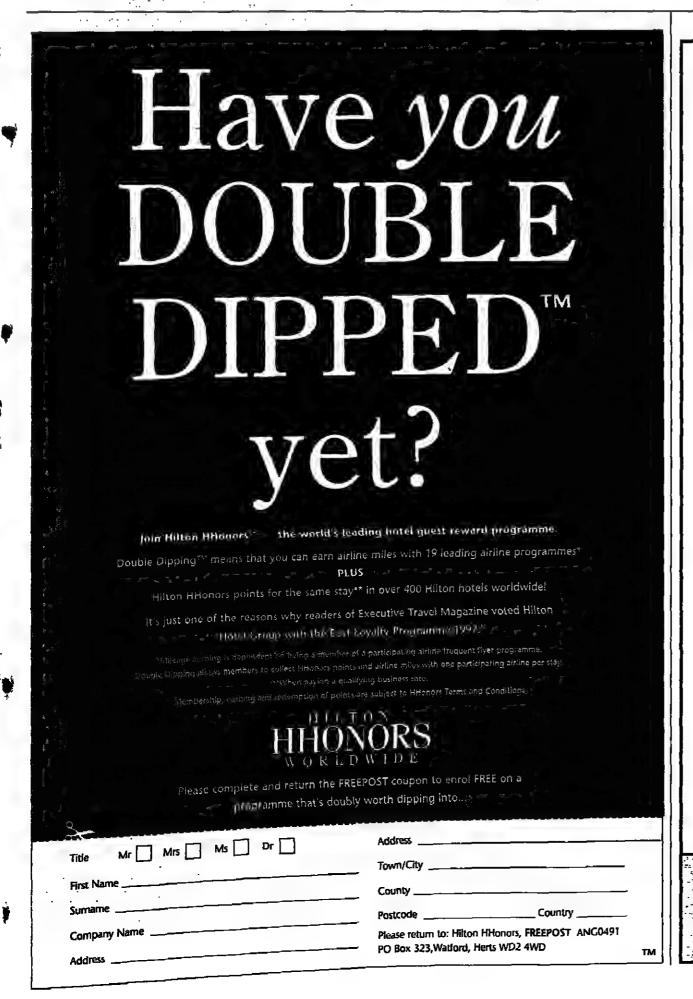
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The luck of Laura Bailey

have always been lucky to be inspired by random, flukey meetings." says Laura Bailey, her eyes wide with sincerity.

Bailey is talking about her fortuitous meeting with a modelling agent, who had spotted her shopping in the King's Road shortly after she graduated. Now, at the age of 24. she has landed a lucrative advertising contract with Pretty Poily, currently relaunching their range of Opaque Tights. The previous contract was awarded to Jade Jagger. daughter of Mick.

But when Bailey talks of "flukey meetings" one cannot help thinking of that other meeting - the one with Richard Gere at the Dorchester Hotel in July 1994, when both were guests at a party in honour of the Dalai Lama.

Four months later. Bailey was captured by photogra-phers clambering over the garden wall of Gere's Chelsea home. Overnight, her daily rate multiplied.

The following spring she moved to New York (Gere's home town), and relaunched her career. Three years on. here she is, back in London to begin work on a film, Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. Her New York diary, which runs on the Conde Nast Website, is "in hiatus" (her words), so for the moment we are to be deprived of the tantalising mentions of "dinner with an Old Friend". Bailey writes the column out of sheer love. "Writing for Conde Nast wouldn't pay for my fireplace," as she puts it.

Face to face there are few episodes in her life that Bailey is prepared to discuss. The film is out of bounds — "I feel uneasy discussing it before we're actually on set. you know." Mention of Richard Gere has been more or less banned before the interview

even begins. Nevertheless you have to admire her professionalism. She has been paid to talk about tights, and talk about tights she will. "I'm thrilled now that the things I'm doing

The model who has landed a contract with Pretty Polly likes to present an air of mystery. Interview by Grace Bradberry



are things I really believe in, whether it's for frivolous reasons or for deeper ones." Bailey is an intelligent young woman (she left Southampton University with a first in English and philosophy) so one can be sure that tights fall into the frivolous category.

On every other subject but hosiery, Bailey is charming but cagey. I persevere. Why

mention the Old Friend at all? The reason I do it is not that conscious," she says. "It's not my personal diary. It's supposed to be impressions of know that people will jump to conclusions. "Which is fine by me, I don't think I lose my

mystery."

The mysterious aura of celebrity connections is indeed a virtual qualification to be the Pretty Polly girl. Bailey's pre-decessors have included Jennifer Flavin (now the wife of Sylvester Stallone) and Catrina Skepper tonce linked with the Duke of York). Bailey is far too smart, however, to accept the epithet of The Girlfriend I've resisted a lot of labels," she telis me firmly.

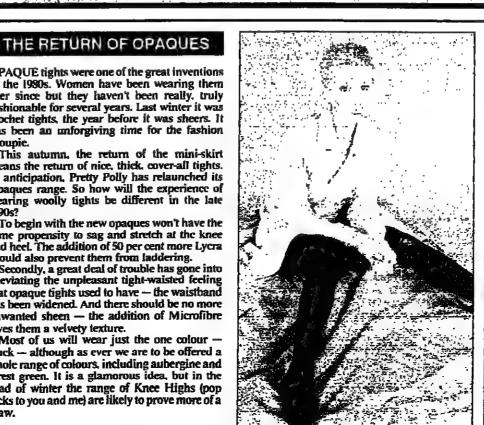
By this stage I suspect that Bailey is a bit of a tease albeit a very polite one. Everyone, I finally venture, will assume that the Old Friend is Richard Gere. "I disagree. I have a lot of old friends, people I don't want to mention. There isn't one pivotal God figure in

my life." It is a revealing expression. Bailey has said that Gere, now 48, offered her guidance and wisdom. She has more or less said that he was a father figure. Her own father, an Oxford professor, left her mother, a lawyer, when she was a child. After Bailey graduated, father and daugh-

ter became estranged. er rootlessness as a child explains something of her gritty determination to establish a decent lifestyle now. Only half-jokingly, she says her ambition was "to leave home". She now goes on shopping expeditions with her mother. Were they a mother and daughter shopping couple when she was younger? "We weren't a mother and daughter anything

couple," she says. But forming friendships is undoubtedly something she is good at. She has a network of friends in her own age group. Other friends are more useful. Harvey Weinstein, head of the film company Miramax, is a mate, and photographs of her chatting to Steve Martin at a fashion party have appeared in several glossies. Does she move in powerful circles? "Only in the way that anybody in my position does. In New York or London I find it a very small world," she says.

"It's easy for me to be accepted - because I don't walk in with a lot of ambition and desperateness,



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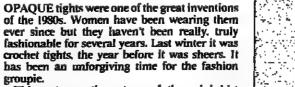


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has been an unforgiving time for the fashion This autumn, the return of the mini-skirt means the return of nice, thick, cover-all tights. In anticipation, Pretty Polly has relaunched its Opaques range. So how will the experience of wearing woolly tights be different in the late

To begin with the new opaques won't have the same propensity to sag and stretch at the knee and heel. The addition of 50 per cent more Lycra should also prevent them from laddering. Secondly, a great deal of trouble has gone into

alleviating the unpleasant tight-waisted feeling that opaque tights used to have - the waistband has been widened. And there should be no more unwanted sheen - the addition of Microfibre gives them a velvety texture. Most of us will wear just the one colour

black - although as ever we are to be offered a whole range of colours, including aubergine and forest green. It is a glamorous idea, but in the dead of winter the range of Knee Highs (pop socks to you and me) are likely to prove more of a

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A drop of what you fancy: so good is the effect of alcohol in old age that it is now recommended in many homes for the elderly

A toast to old age consulted

me recently about his father, who had become a heavy drinker in his eighties. The father, a successful, charming man, was a widower who had grown tired of retirement, solitude and, probably, of life.

My initial thought was that he was depressed, but after many consultations it was obvious he was merely fed up. He could not understand his family's anxiety over his drinking - he never got drunk, did not create any problems and enjoyed alcohol. He had always been a wine lover, and if his intake had gone up from half a bottle to a nottle a night, did it really matter? I had to agree with him that it did not.

Many younger people who would hate to think of themvelves as patronising are against drinking among older people. No sooner has an octogenarian picked up a glass than some busybody rushes to take it away, saying "Not at your time of life, Dad".

But so good is the effect of alcohol in old age that it is now recommended in many old people's homes. This is a rediscovery of a previously accepted clinical truth. My father would recommend, as a tonic for the ciderly, a glass of Guinness, dry sherry or chamIn the final extract from his new book Dr Thomas Stuttaford advises the elderly to carry on drinking

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pagne, depending on the patient's finances.

Research, much of it carried out in the US, has shown modest drinking helps older patients. When Anne Volper was supervisor of nursing at Cushing Hospital in Framingham. Massachusetts, she and Professor Robert Kastenbaum, then director of psychological research at the hospital, introduced beer into u ward of psychogeriatric

men. The patients were also provided with a record player. cards and a smart shirt and tie every day. The aim was to restore their morale, and help them to fit better into society. even if that society was only hospital-based

sphere of the ward in general. and the behaviour of the individual patients in particular, had improved. The amount of medication the patients needed was reduced, as was the number of patients requiring medication. Within two months, not one was taking Largactil (chlorpromazine), a powerful antipsychotic drug, whereas before 75 per cent of those in the ward had

t leading Menswear Stores.

Within a month, the atmobeen incontinent and some had had to be physically restrained, but once they were treated in a more companionable way - and, despite the beer, regained control of their bladders - most were no longer disruptive. Instead of sitting in rows. silent and unsmiling, they wandered around the ward,

chatting to each other and the staff. They made small purchases for themselves outside been taking it daily. Most of

the hospital and even began buying presents for others. Each one of the improvements had played its part in restoring patients' morale, but the provision of just over half a pint of beer a day was deemed the pivotal element. The beer

was greeted with great enthusiasm, and when it was temporarily withheld - as it was on occasion to test patients' reactions — the delay was immed-

iately noted. The psychologist decided that the value of the beer wine worked equally well lay in the symbolic significance of drinking. It made old men parcelled away from the mainstream feel that they were again people in their own right. Just as in late adolescence beer had been the indicator that they were adult, so in old age and in the hospital ward the opportunity to drink convinced them they could still look after themselves.

When discussing alcohol intake with older patients, how-ever, the possibility that they are taking other medicines that might be incompatible with alcohol or might enhance its effects must be borne in mind. Nowhere is this more true than in long-stay

Professor Kastenbaum believes "there is now sufficient information to indicate that moderate use of alcoholic beverages is pleasurable and ben-eficial for older adults". His evidence is from many sources, including a study by the American National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. This showed that when older people had one or two drinks each day, even in a

GOUT: MORE THAN WHAT YOU DRINK

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ALMOST two men in every hundred suffer from gout. The condition owes its fame not to its prevalence, but to its association with drinking. and this makes it a regular topic of conversation whenever men over 18 gather.

But gout is not exclusively a penalty paid for over-indul-gence. The factors which precipitate an attack are linked to a raised uric acid level which can be caused by gluttony. excessive dicting, an unwise choice of food, lead

poisoning, taking diuretic pills, injury or surgery to the ioint, or an infection totally unrelated to the joints as well as an excessive alcohol intake.

However, there is no surer way of precipitating gout in someone with a raised serum uric acid level than for them to go without

breakfast and an adequate lunch, but still to find time to attend a drinks party on the way home to supper. Excessive alcohol may be only one of many ways of triggering an attack of acute gout, but it is a particularly potent one when combined with a crash diet and subsequent hours of starvation. In the long term, what is important is to find the risk factors for those with a raised

serum uric acid. A raised uric acid level is in most cases inherited. Obesity is another important factor when the weight gain has occurred early in adult life or if the patient has diabetes, a high blood cholesterol and a raised blood pressure. Doctors can unwittingly make attacks of gout more likely by treating hypertension diuretics, the so-called "water pills", as these increase the

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obvious sign.

blood level of uric acid can be lowered by taking allopurinol. marketed as Zyloric: 300mg a day is usually enough to stop acute gout, but some sufferers may need 600mg or even 900mg. However, allopurinol should not be taken for the first time during an acute attack; antiinflammatory drugs are needed at this stage. Once the attack is well and truly over, a regular daily dose of allopurinol will in most cases keep the uric acid at a suitable level. the joints pain-free and the kidneys healthy.

nursing or retirement home they had better morale, were less likely to worry, slept better and, socially, were better orientated. Conversely, older people who refused their drinks were more likely to

show regressive behaviour. This study also suggested that alcohol improves the physique as well as the social and behavioural performance. But the most interesting finding is that alcohol stimulated residents' power of thought and led to more effective use of their remaining mental, social and emotional attributes.

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People's monarchy?

NEARLY three weeks AD after Diana - and we still can't budge the Royal Family off the front pages. They won't go quietly. More to the point, we won't let them. Is the monarchy to survive? Will it have to adapt to do so? Is the Royal Family prepared to listen to popular opinion? What is popular opinion? Most important of all, does it matter?

That last question, you may have noticed, is the one not being posed. Were you to ask it. the answer would, of course, be No. Popular opinion can't matter, except to the populace itself, because it is. constitutionally, politically speaking, an irrelevance.

Why more people aren't reminding us of that fact is only partly a surprise. The tabloid press, having killed its golden coose, now needs to start laving its own eggs, fast. Pretending that there is a debate going on, or pretending the debate has any significance, is one way to keep the royal story going, the story that sells papers like no other,

What I am not so clear about is why those above the fray, the constitutional historians and prospectors of the political scene, seem to think that something of potential importance might be

Clearly, the Royal Family does have a choice: it can abolish the Civil List (as, it is rumoured, the Prince of Wales wishes); it can pander to public opinion; it can ignore it; it can trundle on as before. But. even more clearly, the choice is a voluntary one: it exists as an opportunity to be taken, if desired, rather than an obligation that is imposed.

Certainly, we hear a great deal about the pressure the Royal Family is under to respond to popular opinion and it seems that the Queen and other members, having acted as they did after the petitions of the popular press on behalf of "the people", are no less exercised about it themselves. In a sense, they are colluding with the public prints to make us think that there is a live area for debate here. But think about it for a moment.

The Royal Family has been

mocracy, and behaving just badly or incompetently enough for us to excoriate it. To change that could be to

lose it. Either with the best of intentions, or in the same spirit of collusion already mentioned above, the Royal Family looks likely to streamline itself, to present a pareddown, shucked-off model of monarchy to the world. Big

It might be seen to be saying all the right things, listening to all the right voices. but by removing the more



an awful lot more unpopular than it is now and survived, although admittedly without the tabloid press.

Nevertheless, whether or not it is popular is surely immaterial. What precisely are we to do to signal our disapproval of the Royal Family? Storm Buckingham Palace? I don't see it. Vote them out? Where's the ballot sheet that enables us to do

I am not suggesting that such a vote be taken. I am, if anything, a lazy republican, preferring the idleness of perpetuating the status quo than the activity of overthrowing it. And the Royal Family we have now is actually a republican's Royal Family, respeciably neutered by a deglowing examples of inade-quacy, all the Royal Family will be doing is clearing the field for more concentrated focus by the press. So long as it can push its stooges, the Fergies and the Princess Michaels of the world into the spotlight, it can keep a safe distance itself (although admittedly this measure can fail: we have seen that).

As for popular opinion: liked or disliked, it is really all the same thing for the monarchy. As they say in Holly wood, it's when they don't talk about you that it matters. So long as the papers think their circulations depend on the Royal Family, its members are, for all practical purposes. condemned, but for all political purposes, saved.

Why this American cheese ban grates

irrational fear about unpas-

I WAS born too late to be political. I feel embarrassed at the idea of taking to the streets or going on marches (although I did, once, go on one to protest against Clause 28. My maternal grandmother was amazed to glimpse me on the evening's TV news, marching, unwittingly, under a banner reading "Lesbians of Lambeth").

But I am tempted to become political now — if streettalking could get rid of the poll tax, then I dare say a middleclass petition can safeguard unpasteurised cheeses.

This is the problem: the Americans, poor misguided souls, have been seized by an teurised cheeses, and have taken it upon themselves to press for a worldwide ban.

Feeble fables SIGN of the times No 124B: a recently purchased edition Aesop's Fables, though autifully illustrated and lovely in every way, has one

> als lopped off. Now that is taking the new. non-judgmental society just a

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Having more money (and power) than sense, the US looks as though it can push pretty hard on this one. The UN food safety committee already looks to be caving in. Can we stop it? I think we should try. Write care of the Specialist Cheesemakers As-

sociation, PO Box 448, Newcastle, Staffordshire ST5 0BF, to your MP and, more importantly, to Jack Cunningthe Minister of ham. Agriculture. It will be a nuisance for him. but it will make a nice change from letters about yeal crates. And the only way to get things done is by annoying the right people.

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level of uric acid in the blood. The association between gout and alcohol is so firmly fixed in people's minds that many other causes of the condition must have been under-treated. Patients have had to suffer heavy humour. together with advice to drink less, when what they really needed is some basic treat-

second glass of wine and avoiding 'In the long nevs and other foods rich in pu- nitrogenous compounds produced by the metabolism of certain proteins and liable to precipitate gout - may display admirable self-control, but will ultimately

prove inadequate to treat this biochemical disease, of which a gouty joint is only the most Gout is now treatable. The

Courtship falls foul of the law

Roger Scruton dissects the

vogue for sexual harassment

Tot so very long ago conventional, choreographed affairs, conducted according to rules which were understood and accepted by both parties. The man took the initiative, acknowledging the risk, and prepared for a rebuke, a cold shoulder or, if he deserved it, a slap round the

There was a fairly standard order of events, and escape routes were available at every major crossroads. The ugly. the inarticulate and the impecurious could all have a shot at it, provided they followed the rules and were prepared for disappointment. And suc-cess, when it came, was of varying degrees, depending on the morals and intentions of the parties. Above all, it was assumed that courtship was a co-operative enterprise, and that both parties were equally responsible for the outcome.

To study the case of Presi-dent Clinton versus Paula Jones is to be made vividly and horribly aware of the extent to which things have changed. For, in its very unthinkability, this case helps to "surrealise" the office of President, to degrade the political process, and to remind American men

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that they are always and for ever at the of those mercy women to whom they have once, in unguarded moment, made a sexual advance.

It is now possible covering that the owner of some re-

membered or misremembered member has since been promoted to the highest office in the land, to instigate that longdelayed slap in the face, in the form of an action at law. And this action is calculated not merely to ruin the man, but also to lay waste the office that he occupies, to divert the attention of her national leader to the trivia that fill her narrow intellect, and both to endanger and degrade the State. It is obvious to anyone with common sense that the time for action is not now but then, that the offence can hardly have been so serious if it required Mr Clinton's elevation to the presidency for the victim to become incensed by it, that in any case there are occasions when even the grossest insult should be set aside in the national interest. and that damages awarded by a court of law are not part of the normal tit-for-tat or tat-fortit of seduction. Still, none of that counts for anything in the war between the sexes, and its not counting is part of what Miss Jones and her supporters

have set out to prove. The case is unique only in the status of the accused. America is currently rocked with litigation over sexual matters and new categories of tort and crime have been invented tor, if you prefer, discovered) in the course of it. "Sexual harassment" is now a routine allegation; Mitsubishi has been forced to pay millions of dollars to female workers whose lawyers have alerted them to the profits involved in being victim of this tort. But just try to define sexual harassment in a way that allows the ugly and the disadvantaged to make a sexual advance without the risk of litigation.

"Date rape", while not yet a legal category, is being widely represented as a routine crime, unrecognised only because men are still in the judicial ascendant. But all attempts to define it lead to the result that a woman can retrospectively withdraw her consent to the sexual act, and so destroy the man whom she misled into performing it. The fact is that for a man safely to embark on a sexual adventure. he must first make sure that he has extensive legal insurance that he is irresistibly attractive and that the woman involved is not an American.

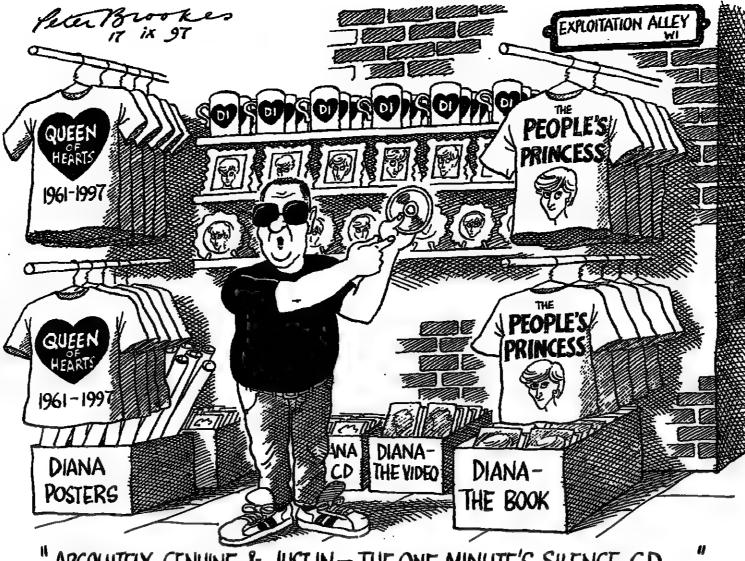
Conservatives, when they wake up to the implications of the Clinton case, are apt to blame feminism, and in particular the kind of persecutory and belligerent feminism that is now part of the career structure of the American campus. But this is to mistake the effect for the cause. Feminism is the defence that women have adopted, to the source of this threat is not men themselves - for the sexes were made to love each other and to accept their necessary

failings. In the right circumstances women can slap down the unwanted marriage is advance and also forgive it, just as men can press on past the prudish hesitation and accept the final "no". But the circum-

stances that make these things possible have disappeared. They have disappeared because we have been "liberated" from the old conventions — because courtship. chastity and marriage have lost their privileged position. and advances are simply seen as smash and grab_runs whose only prize is sex. That is why the American catastrophe is now being rerun in Britain. and British men, too, are finding themselves in court for pinching the wrong burn at the wrong place and the wrong

This collapse of courtship unmans men as much as it defeminises women, and in the end will weaken the bond between the sexes to the point where normal marriage and the raising of children come to seem like quaint eccentricities. The problem runs deep, and it not to be cured by a dose of new Labour. On the contrary, look at the Parliamentary Labour Party, and its favoured reforms, and you will see the old liberal agenda clearly inscribed in the book of the

future. There will be no return to pre-marital chastity, no return to the careful drama of courtship, no serious attempt to dissuade children from sexual experiment, and no recovery of the privileges once bestowed on marriage. Which means that women will continue to experience their desire for men as an intolerable weakness, and will continue to take their revenge on those who arouse it. No wonder that so many men are deciding that it is easier to be gay.



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dragon, not St David

oor Wales. She has glamor-ous Scotland for a sister and urchin Ulster for a brother. Ulster has been fostered out for the past quarter century. Scotland has now been married to a handsome parliament. They have promised to love, honour and obey each other 'til death them do part. The couple looked a treat at last week's wedding.

But Wales? Tomorrow Wales is being offered in marriage to the village idiot, take it or leave it. The Welsh assembly is a constitutional weakling. The London Government has no intention of allowing the couple ever to set up home. A parliament is fine for Scotland. Wales must make do with a scullery liaison. Wales, after all, is not a "proper

country". So believes the British Government. The evidence is there in the little-noticed White Paper, proposing a Welsh assembly. It is one of the most deceptive constitutional documents of our time. Authorship is claimed by the Welsh Secretary, Ron Davies, but the substantive clauses were written by Treasury officials determined to wreck Tony Blair's pledge to decentralise power and enable many more matters that affect Wales to be decided in Wales". I turn below to whether Wales should vote for this document. But nobody should believe the Welsh assembly has anything in common with the

Scottish parliament. The Scottish parliament will have specific tax-varying powers. These will enable it to after the size of its block grant, by varying income tax up or down. More important, it can determine the amount of money available for local services. It can alter or end council rate-capping, vary business rates and introduce local taxes of its own. The Scottish parliament will be fiscally

The Welsh assembly has none of these powers. It can choose a "Cabinet" from its majority party, whose head has the local government title of leader. This Cabinet cannot decide the size of public spending in Wales. Its annual grant of £7 billion is made up of department budgets fixed by the Treasury, an arrangement which "will be retained ... based on the existing longstanding formula". The White Paper's assertion that "the assembly will have the maximum discretion to determine and manage its own spending priorities" is ludiA Welsh assembly may be no Government

— but it will certainly be an Opposition

crous. For maximum read minimum. The Welsh Cabinet and assembly will have less freedom than a local council. A council can cut its council tax demand by cutting services below Whitehall's targets. The assembly cannot alter any tax. It can, in theory, switch cash from education to industrial promotion, but let it try. Power over public sector "pay and rations" will remain in London. The assembly cannot change council taxes or fix local business rates. Capping is "subject to government review", which means it will stay as now. Business rates, the White Paper

curtly points out. "cannot be in-creased by more than the retail prices index and can only be set at a lower level by Treasury order".

In law-making the Scottish parliament is sovereign, except for matters such as

defence reserved for Westminster. On the other hand, Welsh laws "will still be made by the Parliament at Westminster. The assembly may pass only "secondary" legislation if permitted by a primary Act passed in London. The assembly's power to decide health priorities is non-existent. Its power over Welsh universities is non-existent. In schools it has a discretion only over curriculum. The Welsh Secretary and Welsh Office remain in being. So will most of Wales's multifarious quangos, their scope dictated by the Treasury because quango budgets comprise a

third of the Welsh block grant. Powers vested in the assembly are those of advice, consultation, partnership and liaison, the usual centralist fobbing-off. I cannot see what a Welsh Cabinet will spend its time doing. It can appoint quango members, such as to the tourist board and new development agency. Tory Welsh Secretaries so polluted this process that democratising "the list" is progress, though much will hinge on whether the new assembly is packed with the old Cardiff gang. For Mr Davies to deny the new Cabinet the right to choose even the BBC Governor for Wales and the board of

Welsh Channel 4 is a measure of his

This assembly is indeed the muchderided talking shop. It will parody the old joke, that Wales's steelworks may close but the mouthworks stay open. The Welsh Secretary will work "in partnership" with the Welsh Cabinet but "will not be obliged to support the view which the assembly has expressed", when taking decisions on laws or finance. His one obligation is to liaise with the chairmen of the assembly subject committees. In other words, the assembly will be a colonial "Legco", a

veneer of democracy on a centralist framework. Whitehalf's control freaks may have been driven south of Hadrian's Wall. They should

of this? Is one slice of devolution better than half a loaf? The case for a Weish assembly was never strong. "Wales was never conquered," says the slogan, but the reason is that there was never a nation to conquer. Since the birth of the modern state under Henry Tudor, Wales has been ruled from England. There is unquestionably a Welsh people, a religion, a language and a culture. But these do not in themselves constitute a nation, though they do validate a degree of egional autonomy.

Wales's handicap is that it has never enjoyed a political entity to match its cultural identity. The nearest to a political culture has been the "Taffia" which, until the coming of the Tory quangocrats, dominated Glamorgan. Welsh politics has been that of local government. In plan-ning, it has been corrupt by any standard, witness the razing of old districts in the Valleys to enrich local builders, the bungaloid sprawl along the South Wales coast.

Whether the assembly will prove less corrupt than the existing coalition of local councils and an English colonial regime is a crucial test. Whether we have an assembly or not, every local authority in Britain needs reinvigorating and cleansing. All must have some tax-varying powers to make them more accountable. That should be a nationwide enterprise. It has nothing to do with forcing North. Mid and South Wales into a parody of a parliament, squeezed between local and central

Yet I would take even this paltry slice of devolution. The assembly is an elected body to monitor (nominally to employ) an executive that owes allegiance to London. Any such body is better than none. It has power over some appointments, regional development, planning appeals, arts and culture. These functions should be subject to democratic oversight. The White Paper makes them more so than now.

A better reason for voting "yes" lies elsewhere. The title of the White Paper is shockingly ironic. It offers "A Voice for Wales" with no mention of a government. A better title would have been "An Opposition for Wales". I predict that the Welsh Cabinet's impotence will free it to make life hell for the Welsh Secretary. The less power granted to a democratic assembly, the less respon-Every shortcoming in Welsh public service will be blamed on London. With no accountability for any taxes the assembly's biggest weakness the Welsh Cabinet can be expected to thrash London without mercy. The White Paper is politically illiterate. The proposed Welsh assembly will not be the Government of Wales but the reverse, the Opposition.

As such, the assembly will constitute an important new pluralism in British democracy, the opposition of region to centre, rather than of party to government. The Tories have become irrelevant on devolution. William Hague was yesterday defending Treasury control as if he has forgotten he is no longer in power. Opposition to the Blair Government must come from elsewhere. The Welsh assembly will be more a dragon than a St David. Whereas the Scottish parliament will be accountable for the quality of Scottish services under its aegis, the assembly will not. It will enjoy nuisance power

without responsibility. Tomorrow's Welsh vote is no more than a half-hearted stumble down Britain's crowded road to constitutional reform. But it is a stumble in the right direction. This may not be much of a "yes" vote. It is enough.

Alan Coren



A recipe for immortality, not entirely to my taste

Throughout my life — much of which has been spent staring vacantly out of windows, propitious circumstances for woolgathering - I have toyed with various daft fantasies as to how I should like that life to have left its mark after it had no throughout left. As a small boy. I favoured something military: Coren's Last Stand, perhaps, Coren's Drift, the Charge of the Coren Brigade, even the War of Coren's Ear. A little later, sporting memorial seemed sweeter: the Coren Riband, the Coren End at Lord's, the Coren Flop. Since, however, such honours could come only as testament to a prowess to which I soon found it was pointless to aspire, I moved, at 13, having had a poem about acne accepted for the school magazine, to daydreams of the Corenic Simile and the Coren Memorial Theatre; until I went up to what I hoped might someday be called Coren College, whereupon I threw in, for good measure, the Coren Chair, Coren's Uncertainty Principle, and, admittedly a long shot, Duke Coren's

Things went a mite quiet after that, as professional and domestic life were forced to preoccupy themselves with busy reality: though there was, of course, the odd inert spell when the wool gathered into baggy shapes like Coren's Weekly Advertiser, the Coren Method (a system of bringing up children by shout-ing at them) and — until it died of what briefly made different from its peers - the Coren Rose. But it was finally borne in upon me, and high time too, that the options for immemorial achievements had dwindled to the point where the only chance of posthumous imperishability lay in contracting, say, Coren's Syndrome or Coren's Palsy, ie, something so unfathomable that the top medical bananas would have no other course but to shake their heads, pocket their stethoscopes, and

ask me if my affairs were in Until, that is, last Friday. when, at the eleventh hour, a window on immortality opened; or, rather, a letterbox. A wellknown cook, whom I shall not become obvious, had written to explain that she was compiling a book of new seafood recipes, and since one of these had been inspired by a piece I had written a year or so back on the difficulties of eating squid, she was very keen to name it after me. She wants to call it Gumbo Coren. I cannot, of course, preempt her by revealing the components, but I think I break no confidences when I tell you that the dish contains a lot of legs

and ink. Um. I put the letter aside, and stared out of the window. There were, no question, many noble precedents: Tournedos Rossini, Peach Melba, Sole Walewska. Omelette Arnold Bennett, all of which had unarguably conferred not only immortality but one into which umpteen subsequent generations had happily tucked, blessing the name even as they mopped up the sauce and picked their teeth for the last savoury shard.

hy, then, did I hesitate?
Two reasons, differently reasonable: the first, and why I haven't named my generous would-be benefactress, is that I have no idea if her recipe, though many have been superb, is any good. I shouldn't want diners to take one mouthful, and, through it, mumble: "My God, what is this muck?". only to be told what it was. Worse yet, given the volatile properties of some of the constituent bivalves, I shouldn't want anyone to lurch groaning to the bathroom in the middle of the night, cursing my name, nor, worst of all, my descendants to wake some far morning to banner headlines shrieking "Lord Mayor's Banquet Devastated by Gumbo Coren, Hundreds Rushed to Intensive Care". But if I really come clean on this, it is the less reasonable reason which makes me the more apprehensive. Hardly a reason at all, in truth; more a sort of unease. It is the name. For we are talking perpetuity here, and I doubt I am alone in feeling that, while Brigade and Simile and College, even Peach. are beyond reproach as immortal companions, one would not wish one's patronymic to spend eternity dragging Gumbo behind it. I have therefore written to its inventor, suggesting that her dish by any other name would smell as sweet, and that. should she still wish to do me honour. I'd be more than happy

with Gumbo Cricklewood.

Labour truant

HYPOCRISY is always an awk-ward charge to defend. So have sympathy, please, for one Christine Blower. Luddite president of the NUT. She joined David Blunkett, Education Secretary, yesterday to launch a £20 million campaign against truancy - having just been booted off a London education authority for repeated

failure to turn up to meetings. A reacher's representative on the Hammersmith and Fulham Education Committee, Blower has missed every meeting since Octoher 1996, including one which voted to close a primary school employing NUT members. Members lose their place if they fail to turn up for six months.

Worse still, in March Blower embarrassed Blunkett by revealing that she had kept her six-yearold girl off school for three days in protest at a new scheme that dared to test pupils. Mark Loveday, a Tory councillor, said: "She skives off her meetings and encourages a six-year-old to skip school. How can Mr Blunkett share a platform with her?"

A spokesman for the NUT, which played host to Blunkett and Co yesterday, squirmed: "Chris-

tine is forced to travel a lot. This may have caused difficulties with her attendance at meetings."

Not a prayer

GEORGE CAREY's problem is that he has run into a Prime Minister who knows about religion. Consequently, Tony Blair has rejected both of the Archbishop's nomina-



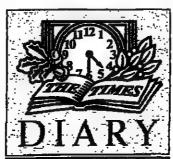
"Ill buy if"

tions for the bishopric of Liverpool. It emerged amid some embarrassment that the first. Gavin Reid, Bishop of Maidstone — who is noted mainly for shaving in the pulpit

 was a friend of Carey. Now the second name on the Archbishop's list has come my way. And he, surprise, surprise, is also a great old chum of Carey. For some years "Peter" Broadbent has been a big swinger on the General Synod's powerful standing com-

mittee, chaired by Carey. They are great mates and Broadbent is very influential," says a senior source. "Both lefty evange-lists, of course." Indeed, I gather that it was Broadbent's old Labour political views that alarmed Blair. Through much of the 1980s "Pete" was a Labour councillor and chairman of planning in Islington; and as Blair was a confirmed Band A council taxpayer in the borough, he well remembers that council's profligate spending programme.

 MAGGOTS, flies, the stench of rotten flesh — Sensation at the Royal Academy. But is there a risk of bubonic plague? Part of a Damien Hirst exhibit has escaped. The flies within the artist's A Thousand Years piece, which features the rotting head of a cow, are liberating themselves into the exalted atmosphere of the Royal Acadamy each time the exhibit is opened up



to feed them. Says a patron: "It's a God-awful pong."

First lady

THE most important story of the day is clearly news of this year's Nanny of the Year award, organised by The Lady magazine.

Favourite is Veronica Crook, nanny extraordinaire to the family of my colleague Lord Rees-Mogg. Her most arduous task during her 30-year stretch has been to look after his son Jacob, the fogeyish young financier who is often mis-

taken for a coathanger. Veronica travelled down to Eton weekly to change her young master's sheets and when he was installed in Hong Kong she flew out to tidy his apartment. More recently she was dragged up to Scotland during the last election to canvass support for Jacob's lunatic attempt to win Fife Central for the Tories. 'It is inconceivable that she will not win," he trills.

• COMMENT on Henri Paul. Dodi Fayed's late chauffeur. from Noel Gallagher, rock musician. Drivers always go too fast to get bigger tips," he says. "I always tell them to slow down."

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WHEN will the lickspittles stop all this royal tittle-tattle? Latest, and unlikeliest, offender is the former Dean of Winchester, Trevor Beeson, who is to publish The Dean's Diaries.

They include an unflattering reference to the Duchess of York. He describes her as "gallumphing" after she informally asked of him at tea one day, "How are you, Trevor?" This, he will claim, was an inappropriate form of address. Maybe he was just embarrassed because he is called Trevor.

Film noir

FIRST the death, then the movie. Moguls are engaged in a battle to produce the first, gruesome, cine-matic treatment of the demise of fashion designer Gianni Versace.



Versace in his heyday

Filming of The Versace Murder, is under way at Miami Beach. It will be completed by Christmas. "It's a strange love story," says

Menahem Golan, producer of the E3 million movie. "The murderer was more than in love with Versace. He wanted to be Versace." Unavailable is the houseboat where his presumed murderer hid out and later died. An Italian film producer has already bought the

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WALES'S WEEK

Wales deserves better government and better arguments

And then there was Wales. Last week's referendum in Scotland, although always likely to deliver a "yes" to devolution, was a passionate, if truncated, political drama. Tomorrow's vote in Wales, although apparently more finely balanced, seems to have quickened fewer pulses on either side of Offa's Dyke. The sense that Welsh devolution is a constitutional coda to Scottish home rule is emphasised by the gap between the votes. The Government originally argued that Wales needed an extra week to ensure that its assembly proposals were scrutinised on their merits rather than muddled with Scotland's parliament scheme. Now, however, Labour urges the Welsh to follow the Scottish example and not be left behind as parliaments are parcelled out: it is a case of keeping up for the Joneses. There are several powerful arguments for Welsh devolution but "don't be left behind" is not one of them. It is not an argument at all: it is the logic of the lemming.

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The Secretary of State for Wales. Ron Davies, argues that a "no" vote from Wales would run counter to the constitutional trend, leaving the Principality governed from Westminster just as Scotland, Northern Ireland and London move towards greater autonomy. But would that necessarily be a bad thing? If the United Kingdom stands aloof from a European single currency in 1999 it too will be bucking the trend. It will also be avoiding a potentially unstable and expensive political experiment.

Wales without an assembly will maintain its voice in the Cabinet while that of the Scottish Secretary diminishes in influence. Wales without an assembly, but with the present system of administrative devolution and its hugely successful development agency, will continue to enjoy as much autonomy as any English region can

conceive of, as well as considerably higher per capita spending. A "no" vote, far from leaving Wales isolated, would leave it in a position similar to, but better subsidised and more influential than, the majority of the United Kingdom.

The insistence that Wales follow Scotland's lead for the sake of constitutional neatness is not only inconsistent in logic, it is also inaccurate in detail. The assembly that is offered to Wales is a toothless dragon in comparison to the parliament promised to Scotland. In considering Scotland's options last week we argued that the worst vote of all was for a parliament without tax-raising powers. Yet that is what Wales is being

Having stripped away the bad arguments for the assembly on offer, several good ones remain. For all its tensions between Cymric North and Anglophone south, between rural hills and the urban Valleys. Wales has an identity, administrative and cultural, which deserves better political expression. An assembly elected in a manner which reflects the diversity of Wales could also encourage a spirit of pluralism in the Principality. Wales has suffered for too long from clientism and cronyism, from the Tories who ran central government and the Labour Party in local government. Wales has also suffered from having its Secretary of State held up to insufficient scrutiny by Westminster committees which were an inadequate counterweight to his authority.

There is no guarantee that a Welsh assembly will live up to its supporters' hopes. The manner in which Labour is making its pitch in Wales does not altogether inspire confidence. The case is not conclusive. But, on balance, it is persuasive. Wales should accept this imperfect improvement in its government.

WAR OF THE WELD

Republicans must not miss the Massachusetts message

William Weld went to Washington but he will not be moving to Mexico City. Senator Jesse Helms had sworn that the Foreign Relations Committee would not support the former Governor of Massachusetts in his attempt to become US Ambassador to Mexico and he proved as good as his word. Mr Weld was dismissed without the courtesy of public hearings. Although his electoral options now look extremely limited, Mr Weld will survive this encounter. The Republican Party, on the other hand, has embarrassed itself and risked alienating a significant section of the American electorate.

ideology rainer than Laun American policy framed this political struggle. Mr Weld's outlook was condemned for its outright "liberalism" by Mr Helms and his supporters. In this instance, the former Governor's willingness to contemplate the medical use of marijuana prompted the attack from the conservative Senator. Had circumstances been different, Mr Weld's sympathies for legalised abortion, feminism, or homosexual equality would have been held up as the appropriate heresy. In truth this was a contest that the Senator would never have allowed Mr Weld to win.

In the United States, "liberalism" has normally been understood as support for an activist and expanding role for the government in public life. If so, Mr Weld is a remarkable example of it. In his first term as Governor he cut state spending in actual not inflation-adjusted - terms, privatised several state services, cut public sector employment, introduced a radical package of welfare reform, expanded school choice, and reduced taxation on nine occasions. All this took place in a state with one of the strongest Democratic traditions in America.

Mr Weld can legitimately claim to have implemented at least as much of the Con-

tract With America in his state as Newt Gingrich and his colleagues have so far enacted in Washington. What he represents is not liberalism but a much more complex combination of free market economics, an empowerment approach to social policy, progressive instincts on matters of personal lifestyles, and a cautious but committed internationalism. It is that mixture which both explains his wide appeal in Massachusetts and the hostility of Senator Helms.

Mr Weld has been an unusually outspoken figure. But the policies which he has promoted are not unique in his party. Governors across the United States have taken a different but distinctly conservative path from their congressional colleagues. That has been especially true of the largest American states, most of which are controlled by Republicans. Governor Pete Wilson of California launched an ill-fated bid for the White House on a similar basis last year. Mr Weld was his most senior supporter. Governor Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey may run for President on the same set of themes in three years' time.

Senator Helms has won this particular battle. The Republican Party must not permit him to win the wider war. Mr Weld stands very close to the vital centre of American politics. It is unlikely that any candidate can capture the Oval Office without at least some appeal to this constituency. In the last two presidential elections that terrain was forfeited - a mistake that Bill Clinton eagerly exploited. American conservatism requires a rather broader base than the White South and evangelical Protestants. It might control Congress but cannot command the country on that narrow stance. Mr Weld may be destined to return to Massachusetts. His message should not be similarly constrained.

A BURNING ISSUE

Forest fires that Indonesia must do more to prevent

A suffocating, polluting haze stretches over the vast Indonesian archipelago and blankets neighbouring Malaysia and Singapore. It is caused by forest fires in Sumatra and Kalimantan that were deliberately set but are now, in the worst Indonesian drought for 50 years, raging out of control over some 740,000 acres. Some 20 million Indonesians are choking in the foul atmosphere, as are Singaporeans. Around Kuala Lumpur, where cars have to use lights at noon, the murk has reached levels that pose a serious health hazard. Yesterday's meeting of the region's environment ministers in Jakarta was understandably short on South-East

Asian legendary diplomatic courtesies. Indonesia's neighbours have good reason to be impatient. This economic and environmental catastrophe is an annual event, exacerbated by drought but caused by routine forest clearing practices that the Indonesian Government admits destroy \$96 billion worth of timber even in a normal year. In 1992 and 1994, fires swept over around 5 million acres; since the Pacific El Niño effect this year could delay the wet season by several months, the damage could be even greater by the time the rains come.

Last week, President Suharto ordered an end to all land clearance. But this belated action puts in question why "controlled" forest burning is a method permitted in the first place, or why logging companies are allowed to burn off unused wood from forestry operations that would more safely

be recycled. This mistaken policy is part of Indonesia's broader failure to manage its forests properly. In 1991, 120 million acres were designated as "protection forest", closed to developers; today, that area has mysteriously shrunk to 49 million. As for Indonesia's commitment to "sustained perpetual yield" for exploited forest, it is incompatible with current practice. Clearfelling has damaged watershed areas, leav-

ing grasslands vulnerable to man-made fire. in theory, permits to burn forest areas must be obtained. In practice, regulation barely operates. Sanctions would admittedly be difficult to police against migrant farmers who practise slash and burn cultivation. But if Sarwono Kusumaatmaja, Indonesia's Environment Minister, is correct that 90 per cent of forest burning is the work of "large forestry and plantation companies and the Government's own transmigration programme" of rural resettlement, the failure to take preventive action is inexcusable. The Government blames provincial authorities. But they are understandably wary of tackling major logging and plantation interests intimately linked to powerful government figures in Jakarta. Other countries have shown that it is possible to exploit tropical forests sensibly and sustainably. Indonesia's failure to do so is part of a wider syndrome, that of the crony capitalism which is increasingly denting the domestic and international credibility of a once

successful but always authoritarian regime.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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rights in UK law

From Lord Scarman

Sir, Recent letters to The Times (August 18, 27; September 11) may have led many to doubt the wisdom of incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into British domestic law. The fear is that incorporation would diminish the legislative sovereignty of Parliament.

The fear is groundless. We have incorporated Community law with direct effect into our law without threat to Parliament's sovereignty. We can do the same with the European law of human rights. The model to follow is section 2 of the European Commu-

A letter is not the appropriate place to argue a point of law. The case for incorporation is well put by Mr Ben Emmerson in his article printed in the European Human Rights Law Review (Sweet & Maxwell), issue no 4 [report, September 151.

I hope those now drafting our Bill of Rights will take heed and incorporate the parts of the European Convention which directly affect the rights of the

Yours sincerely, SCARMAN, House of Lords. September 10.

Sinn Fein and IRA

From Mr Harry Barnes, MP for Derbyshire North East (Labour)

Sir, If the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, genuinely wishes the Union-ists to participate in talks he should help to boost their confidence in his movement's credibility by disowning the LRA's statement of last week (report. September 12) that it "would have problems with sections of the Mitchell principles" - presumably with total disarmament of paramilitary organisations - which Sinn Fein has endorsed.

The statement was, in my view, a shameless attempt to establish a false distinction between the IRA and Sinn Fein. We should heed the wise words of the former, Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton, speaking on Thursday: I have been Taoiseach . . . and I have seen the reports from the security services. On this issue Sinn Fein and the IRA are part of the one movement. They act under the same direction, to the same agenda. One uses violence or the threat of violence, the other uses political methods.

Accepting a false distinction between the IRA and Sinn Fein could pave the way to Sinn Fein remaining in the talks while the IRA tactically uses "armed struggle" at key points in fear that it might not be long before the IRA fully returns to beatings and even the occasional murder, as during its first "complete" ceasefire.

There are worrying signs that this has already begun. Last Thursday morning republicans committed an act of violence in West Belfast. According to the respected human rights organisation. Families Against Intimidation and Terror, masked and armed men took over a house in the Divis area of Belfast, handcuffed and questioned a man and also questioned his wife. The couple were held against their will and their house was searched. Sinn Fein should immediately renounce this violent intintidation.

The IRA and loyalist ceasefires should be accompanied by the estab-lishment of a new, publicly funded but independent body which would monitor events on the ground and act as a focal point for complaints from Catholic and Protestant communities about any continuing paramilitary human rights abuses.

Regular reports from the body to Parliament would allow public representatives and the two Governments to assess whether the ceasefire is genuine and whether those republican and loyalist parties should continue to be eligible to participate in the talks. If Sinn Fein stays in talks it must

also be under constant pressure to "renounce for themselves, and to oppose any effort by others, to use force, or threaten to use force, to influence the course or the outcome of all-party negoriations". This is a crucial part of the Mitchell principles.

The IRA must have recognised its 'problems" with Mitchell before Sinn Fein's endorsement. It is reasonable, therefore, to conclude that the IRA statement was intended to provoke Ulster Unionists into abandoning the talks. For all their talk of dialogue, it seems as if Sinn Fein/IRA would in reality prefer the Unionists to stay away from talks so that they can be castigated as the obdurate force.

Yours sincerely HARRY BARNES, House of Commons. September 16.

Dismantled fences

From Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss

Sir. It was very heartening to see yesterday's picture of the ladies of Greenham Common pulling down the wire surrounding the former cruise missile base.

I do hope they gave thanks for the determination of the Western governments in maintaining the nuclear deterrent that finally ended the Cold War and brought about the end of Soviet communism.

Yours sincerely. JOHN CURTÍSS. Flat 7, 35 Buckingham Gate, SWI.

A space for human How best to remember the Princess

Diana than to open up a major pedes-

trian thoroughfare from Trafalgar

Source to the top of Constitution Hill

and then, by means of a proper separ-

ation of traffic and people, through

Hyde Park Corner and on to Kensing-

ton Palace via Hyde Park and Ken-sington Gardens — a people's park for

A suitable monument could be

placed in The Mall, but we need not

spurn other ideas to make this a

people's park and walkway. Must

every beautiful avenue in London be

Sir. No one can fail to applaud the

generous decision of the Chancellor of

the Exchequer to forgo VAT on the

sale of Elton John's record Candle in

the Wind in favour of the Diana, Prin-

cess of Wales Memorial Fund, thus

Perhaps he could extend this to all

charitable activities which are subject

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Bosome, St Just, Comwall,

From Mr R. John Newcombe

Sir. Recent ideas or suggestions for a

lasting memorial to the late Princess have surely reached an abnormal

peak. As far as I am aware not one ex-

king, queen or prime minister has

ever had a national Bank Holiday

Her early death was extremely

tragic but please, a sense of propor-

tion must be brought to bear on this

your obedient servant DAVID JAMES.

The Count House.

named after them.

September 13.

Yours faithfully, R. JOHN NEWCOMBE,

Ashbyes, High Street, Micketon, Gloucestershire.

September 11.

greatly increasing the fund's value.

a people's princess?

given over to the god car?

Yours sincerely, EDWARD LEIGH,

House of Commons.

From Mr David James

September 12.

From the Executive Director of Children's Aid Direct

Sir, Your leading article of September 12, "Diana's Day", quite rightly promotes the idea that "pilgrims" will need a permanent memorial to visit.

Whatever memorial is to be created, it must capture the essential elements that made the Princess so prominent. They went beyond beauty and fame. They were daring, a lack of orthodoxy, determination, a hands-on approach and in many cases in support of challenging and unpopular causes: Aids. homelessness, landmines, leprosy. Her focus was on the distanced and displaced in Britain and beyond. Her greatest skill was in listening to those with no voice; she gave them space and therefore a place.

Surely these attributes and interests must direct us in seeking a lasting memorial that is vital, invites participarion, challenges. Enshrining is not what we need; we need to be inspired.

Initiatives in memory of Diana might be an exhibition and conference centre, run by young people and specifically offering employment for them: a centre of excellence for training in sports and youth interests, including the arts; a focal information, meeting and management base for start-up charities; a publishing house for youth issues and development ideas; an ideas bank and participation centre; an action station for youth; a voluntary service for UK work.

Even one of these ideas would make a difference and create a true and vital memorial.

Yours faithfully. DAVID H. W. GRUBB, Executive Director, Children's Aid Direct, 82 Caversham Road. Reading, Berkshire. September 12.

From Mr Edward Leigh, MP for Gainsborough (Conservative)

Sir, It is sad that Constitution Hill and The Mali are once again filled with roaring traffic.

One of the delights of the recent otherwise sad times has been on a summer's evening to walk The Mall. with thousands of others, without

Sir, As director of a company repre-

senting the interests of some 20 UK and EU fruit importers, with a com-

bined annual turnover of at least £150

million. may I comment on the furore

created by the World Trade Organisa-

tion's ruling on the EU banana licence

scheme, the subject of letters from

Mrs Kinnock and others (September

The arguments advanced, I would

suggest, are red herrings, all origin-

ally aired some five years ago and de-

signed principally to serve the com-

mercial interests of mainly one com-

pany, Fyffes, wholly owned by Fruit

It is true that the Caribbean produ-

cers of bananas depend to a large ex-

tent on the export of the fruit; it is

equally true that their production is

uneconomic, and they know it and

have done so for years. No industry

can be guaranteed a market unless it

produces viably - the UK shipbuild-ing and coal industries being prime

Banana imports

From Mr Paul Weiser

examples. Financial aid to divert from banana-growing is the answer, not a protected cotton-wool environment which perpetuates restrictions on free

trade and costs the consumer more. Licences to import into the UK and EU are not held by the Caribbean producers but by two main importers, Fyffes and JP, both of them major im-JP is partially owned by Dole, one of the US multinationals Mrs Kinnock complains of. Geest no longer exists as a banana company, and is now owned by Fyffes: "5 Isles" is a brand name of Fyffes; and "Fyffes" own brand could easily come from Latin America.

Let's get our facts straight and not confuse finding a solution to the islands' problems with support for monopolistic commercial interests.

Yours faithfully, P. WEISER (Director). United Banana Import Company Ltd. 36-39 Link House, New Covent Garden Market, SW8. September 12.

Science stereotypes

From Professor Emeritus P. B. Fellgett, FRS

importers of Ireland.

Sir, The real harm done by stereotyping scientists (The stereotypes that make scientists mad", British Association report, September 10) is that it is part of the stereotyping of science itself. Very little of what appears in the media in the name of science is in fact recognisable as science, and much of it is positively misleading.

At its most basic, science is the humbleness to recognise that human thought alone is not a reliable guide to understanding the material Universe, but needs to be corrected and guided by experience; that is to say, systematic observation and experiment.

In science, a statement is considered empty unless it is susceptible to empirical test. Since any test is nugatory unless it can in principle fail, this implies that all scientific knowledge is provisional.

Science has no dogmas and makes no claim to absolute truth; it simply offers the best available systematic description of what has so far been observed to happen. In other words, science is what has been found to work. In another aspect, since science re-

quires great imagination it may be seen as the most abstract of art forms.

PETER FELLGETT. Little Brighter. St Kew Highway, Bodmin, Cornwall. September 10.

A-level lit crit

From Mr Colville St A. Greaves

Sir, Sharon Footerman (letter, September 12) correctly points out that annotation of set texts taken into A-level diterature examinations is allowed. but her suggestion that candidates can come to the examination with "complete model answers" is impractical. The questions on the set texts are not known in advance and no one could come prepared for every even-

One of the many aims of the examination is to assess a candidate's personal response to the texts. Facing a question for the first time, I suggest, requires a great deal of "real thinking" on the candidate's part.

Yours faithfully, C. GREAVES (Head of English). Fairfield Grammar School, Montpelier, Bristol. September 14.

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Over there

From Lord Wright of Richmond Sir, Flying to Europe from London

(Colonel A. J. Baker's letter, September 15) is not a new experience. When I accompanied the late Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, on a flight from Northolt to Paris in 1975, I heard him announce, on arrival, to a surprised group of journalists: "Do you know, this is the first time I have been

in Europe for three months?"

Yours sincerely. PATRICK WRIGHT. House of Lords. September 15.

From Mr Ken Broad

Sir, I fear Colonel Baker may have "blown the whistle" on a very effective invitation-declining ploy. When faced with an unwelcome

social event my friend Harry has for many years excused himself with: "I'd love to come of course but I regret I am in Europe all that week."

Yours faithfully. KEN BROAD. Manor Court, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire. September 16.

'Top 100' warriors enter the lists having to dodge cars. What better memorial to Princess

From Dr Andrew Bamji

Sir, Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Lanning's list of the top 100 military leaders "of all time" is certainly controversial (reports and leading article, September 15); given the American bias, I am particularly puzzled by the omission of Sherman, whose tactics were influential on future conflicts.

However, my greatest surprise is reserved for the inclusion of Pershing. at number 41, whose Great War army fought only from July to November 1918, and that with equipment largely provided by the French. The achievement of Pétain, who does not appear at all, in redeeming the desperate situation at Verdun in 1916 was a far more significant one.

A straight swap would suit me.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW BAMJI, 58 Goddington Lane, Orpington, Kent. andrew_bamji@compuserve.com September 15.

From Dr C. W. R. Long

Sir, Among the most serious omissions from Colonel Lanning's list is the name of Khalid b. al-Walid.

With Islam spreading so rapidly thirteen and a half centuries later, the general who set it on its expansionist course by leading the early Muslim armies out of Arabia to conquer Iraq and Syria — and setting the record for a march between the two - can have few rivals for influence on the world's

Yours faithfully, CHARLES LONG (Director of Islamic Studies), Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne NEI 7RU. September 15.

From Mr Richard Graham-Taylor Sir, I am sure there will be many omissions noted from Colonel Lanning's list. But surely none so surprising as Joshua and King David, particularly as Moshe Dayan gets a mention at 69.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD GRAHAM-TAYLOR, I Ravenscliffe Mews, Head Road, Douglas, Isle of Man. September 15.

From Mr Nicholas A. Mostyn, QC Sir, The Black Prince Henry V Owen Glendower William Wallace.

NICHOLAS MOSTYN, 1 Mitre Court Buildings, Temple, EC4. nicholas_mostyn@link.org September 15.

Attributing opposites

From Dr Georges S. Kaye

Sir, Your insightful and otherwise correct obituary of Professor Hans Eysenck (September 8) states that it was he who coined the terms "extroversion" and "introversion".

Extrovert and introvert describe two opposite poles of a broad psychological axis of personality profile. In this current sense the terms were introduced late in the first decade of this century by Professor Carl Gustav

Yours faithfully, GEORGES S. KAYE, Cromwell Hospital, Cromwell Road, SW5. September 8.

Island beat From Mr David W. G. Taylor

Sir, You tell us (report, September 12) that Gail Cox, a Kent policewoman, is swapping her squad car for the traffic-free Pacific island of Pitcaim". Is this a good deal? What would my wife get for her elderly BMW?

Yours faithfully, DAVID W. G. TAYLOR, The Office, Chapel House, Winstone. Nr Cirencester, Gloucestershire. September 12.

From Mrs Carol C. Bridgeman

Sir, During these days of impending devolution I find it slightly alarming to find a report about the tiny Pacific island of Pitcairn on one of your pages headed "Home News".

Yours faithfully CAROL BRIDGEMAN, Abbot House, Stocks Green, Castle Acre, King's Lynn, Norfolk. September 12.

Authors' brainstorms

From Mr James Badenoch, QC

Sir, On the subject of memorable newspaper corrections (David Gemmell's letter, September 10) the one I recall most fondly, and I hope accurately, was from Beachcomber a long time ago. It went:

In my piece on the Milk Marketing Board last week the word "horses" should have read "cows" throughout.

Yours faithfully, JAMES BADENOCH. l Crown Office Row, Temple, EC4. September 10.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 16: The Princess Royal. President of Patrons, Crime Concern, this morning presented the British Crime Prevention Awards at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 195 Piccadilly,

Her Royal Highness this aftermoon opened a Charity Street

Belgrave Traders Association in and of the Riding for the Disabled Association, in Elizabeth Street. London SWI.

The Princess Royal this evening attended the Starehe Endowment Fund (UK) "Aim High Appeal" Dinner at Thomas Goode, South Audley Street, London wil.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President, Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the refurbished office now named Lavinia Norfolk House", Kenilworth, War-wickshire, at 12.15; as President, the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit the Coventry Carers Centre, 3 City Arcade, Coventry, at 1.50; and will open the new headquarters of Tenby In-dustries Limited, Kings Central, Great Kings Street, Newtown, Birmingham, at 3.40.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, the Army Families Federa-tion, will attend the annual conference at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Camberley

The Duke of Kent will visit Land Rover, and the Central England Training and Enterprise Council, Lode Lane, Solihuli, West Mid-lands, at 11.20.

" Tamara Nuttall

The Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Life of Signora Lorenzo Cardi will take place at St James's, Piccadilly, on Tuesday. September 23 at 3pm.

Tea party

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady May oress of Westminster were the hosts at a tea party held yesterday at Westminster City Hall to mark the 50th anniversary of Age Con-

cern Westminster.

Lady Pullen and Dame Simone Prendergast, chairman and vicechairman of Age Concern West-minster, and staff, volunteers and Age Concern Westminster's clients were anaong those present.

Receptions

Painter-Stainers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, was received by the Master and Wardens of the Painter-Stainers' Cornpany last night at a reception held at Painters' Hall when he formally opened the annual Painter-Stain ers' Art Exhibition. During the evening Mr Ronald Maddox, President of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colour, pre-sented the Exhibition Gold Medal first awarded in 1800, to Ms Emma Faull. Masters of City Livery Companies were among th

Versdam Chambers Mr Nick Hawkins, MP, held a reception for Mr Michael Edwards, CBE, QC, Head of Verulam Chambers, and its members and their guests at the House of Commons on Monday.

Dinner

Distillers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a livery and ladies' din-ner of the Distillers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr Anthony W.C. Edwards, assisted by the Wardens, presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr Max Hastings and Mr Charles Minoprio also spoke. The Masters of the Vintners', Brewers', Fruitners', Charles Masters of the Vintners', Brewers', Fruitners' erers' and Chartered Architects' Companies and their ladies were among those present.

Latest wills

Yvoruse Mary Sutton Farrow, of Slough, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £2,346,897 net. Barbara Secker McCoy, of Tenbury. EL.902.227 net.

Robert Henry Peters, of Torquay, Devon, left estate valued at £1,259,045

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Donald Acheson, former Chief Medical Officer, HM Government, 71; Professor Sir mes Armour, veterinarian, 66; Miss Anne Buncroft, actress, 66: The Right Rev T.J. Bavin. former of Portsmouth, 62; Mr David Bintley, director, Birmingham Royal Ballet, 40: Professor A.N. Broers, FRS, Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, 59: Ratiley, 68: Mr Don Cruickshank. Director-General, Oftel, 55: General Sir Kenneth Darling, 88; Professor Naomi Datta, FRS. eeneticist, 75.

Miss Jennifer Dickson, photographer and artist, 61: Sir Desmond Fernell, former High Court judge. 64; Mr Deryck Fox, rugby league player, 33; Mr Gwyn Francis, former Director-General, Forestry Commission 67: Sir Richard Gaskell, former President, Law Society, 61: Professor Sir John Grimley

Evans, clinical geratologist, 61; Professor Sir John Hale, FBA, Renalssance historian, 74; Sir Desmond Heap, former Comptroller and City Solicitor, Corporation of London, 90; Miss Angela Heylin, chairman, Charles Barker, SI: Mr Damon Hill, racing driver, 37: Mr Michael Jack, MP, SI: Ms Tessa Jowell, MP. 50; Mr Desmond Lynam, broadcaster, 55; Mr Stir-John Napper, painter, SI: Sir Paul Newall, former Lord Mayor of London, 63: Air Commandant Dame Pauline Parsons, former matron-in-chief. PMRAFNS, 85; Miss Dinah Sheridan, actress, 77; Miss Mary Stewart (Lady Stew art), novelist, 81: Sir Jack Što Clark, MEP, 68; Miss Karen Straker, showjumper, 33; Profes sor Elizabeth Wilkinson, FBA Emeritus Professor of German.



Autumn crocuses bring their delicate shade of pink to the Royal Horticultural Society's autumn show

Floral tribute from Diana's own lilies

BY ALAN TOOGOOD HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Flower Show includes a floral

tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales. Peter J. Smith, of Ashington, West Sussex, has included in his exhibit of alstroemerias (princess filies) a display of "Diana, Princess of Wales", a pink and cream cultivar chosen by the Princess as one of her wedding flowers. All money

raised from its sale will go to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, is often described as "an oasis in a mining wasteland". This is the theme of their exhibit, which highlights the possible closure of Cornwall's last working tinmine - Crofty mine near Redruth. Among mining artefacts and a stone Celtic cross is a profusion of seasonal trees, shrubs, bulbs and perennials punctuated with blue hydrangeas. The

exhibit has been awarded a gold medal. Another unusual exhibit at this show, which opened in Westminster yesterday. is a collection of plants used in the perfume industry, staged by the Chelsea Physic Garden, of London. "While people know that the perfume industry uses flowers to create fragrances, some may be unaware that it also relies on a huge amount of other plant material," said Sue Minter, curator of the garden. "We hope this display will give people some interesting insights into perfume

The exhibit includes Acorus calamus (sweet rush) used for woody and leather scents, Piper nigrum which yields an oil from its fruits valued for spicy fra-grances, and Iris germanica florentina (orris root) whose oil gives a violet

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France, travelled to London overnight on Le Shuttle with a collection of his own hybrid cattleyas, the most flamboyant orchids in cultivation. This is the first time he has exhibited at an RHS monthly Westminster show, although he is a supporter of the London Orchid Show. This exhibit features a new range of colours and combinations and most are scented. Particularly eye-catching are the hybrids Brio de Valec "Vaudeville" (pale yellow and crimson), Yolo "Black Hawk" (neon pink), Veldovada "Polka" (rich yellow and crimson), Elizabeth Fulton La Tuilerie" (bronze and crimson) and

Nuance "Elegie" (lime green). The show is strong on autumnal flowers. A giant gold medal display of dahlias arranged according to colour by Aylett Nurseries, of London Colney. Hertfordshire, includes several new cultivars such as "Classic Al" (medium cactus, burnt orange), "Taratahi Lilac" (medium cactus, lilac). "Jamie" (small cactus, lilac) and "Kotare Jackpot" (small cactus, blood red).

The display of dahlias from Philio Tivey & Sons, of Syston. Leicestershire, has also been awarded a gold medal and includes a distinctive newcomer, "Red Balloon". a miniature ball type with blood-red flowers. A large display of asters, which

epitomise autumn, from Rougham Hall Nurseries, of Rougham, Suffolk, includes the recently introduced Aster novae-angliae "Christopher Harbutt", rich purple and completely mildew-free. Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham. Borders, have included one of the best white gentians in their display of mainly blue cultivars. Gentiana "Soutra", mak-

ing its debut this autumn, is pure white and a reliable grower. Autumn-flowering bulbs are equally prolific and include a gold-medal display eries, of Kingswinford, West Midlands. They range from strains of the popular Cyclamen hederifolium, such as "Ruby Strain" (red-pink), "White Cloud" and "Silver Cloud" (pure white) to species such as C. mirabile (pale pink, silver-

patterned foliage).
Avon Bulbs, of Mid Lambrook. Somerset, have included a colourful collection of crocosmias in their bulb display. One of the best yellow cultivars is featured: Crocosmia "Rowallane" with large spikes of rich golden-yellow flowers. It will be available next year.

Among the fruit and vegetable displays, the RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey, has staged tomatoes and curled parsley from the current trials and which have been recommended for the Award of Garden Merit

The display of fruits from Ken Muir. of Weeley Heath, Essex, includes the giant-fruited blackberry, "Fantasia", and minarette apple trees — columnar non-branching trees which are ideal for limited space.

Gold medals have also been awarded to Bushukan Bonsai, of Hockley, Essex (bonsai): Goldbrook Plants, of Hoxne. Suffolk (hostas): Heather and Brian Hiley, of Wallington, Surrey (ferns and ornamental grasses): Jekka's Herb Farm. of Alveston, Bristol (medicinal, culinary and aromatic herbs); Nutfield Nurseries. of South Nutfield. Surrey (echeverias and other succulents); P. W. Plants. of Kenninghall. Norfolk (hardy plants. bamboos and grasses); Southfield Nurseries, of Morton, Lincolnshire (cacti and other succulents); and Toobees Exotics, of Woking, Surrey (succulents and cycads of Africa and Madagascar).

The show, in the New and Old Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street and Vincent Square, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.C. Daly and Miss L.J. Harrap The engagement is announced herween Dermot, elder son of the late Mr James Daly and of Mrs

James Daly, of Brainge, Herefordshire, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr Simon and the Hon Mrs Harrap, of Bentley, Hampshire.

Mr T.H. Brassey and Miss L.E. Boardman

The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of the Hon Thomas and Mrs Brassey, of Duncote, Northamptonshire, and Leonie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Allan Beardman, of Moree, New South Wales, Australia, where the marriage will take place next May.

Mr F.B.H. Lipworth and Miss A.J. Rosewood The engagement is announced between Frank, younger son of Sir Sydney and Lady Lipworth, and Alexa, elder daughter of Mrs Shimona Cowan and Mr Norman

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and Miss LM. Binmore The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr John Blunt, of Castle Farm. Melbourne, Derbyshire, and Mrs Christopher Powell, of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Lynne, der daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Binmore, of Bleak House, Melbourne, Derbyshire. Mr P.G. Burlumi and Miss S.J. Bailey

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Burlumi, of Fulham, London, and Susan, daughter of Dr and Mrs Malcolm Bailey, of

Mr P.N. Denison and Miss V.L.A. Wood

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Denison, of Marlow Buckinghamshire, and Victoria, second daughter of Professor and Mrs Christopher Wood, of Friern Barnet, London.

Mr P.M.V. Grace and Miss Zs. Viliko The engagement is announced between Perer, son of the late Dr Michael Grace, FRS, and Mrs Philippa Grace, of Oxford, and Zsuzsanna, daughter of Mr Jozef Viliko and Mrs Edit Burtók, of

Sepsiszentzyörgy, Transylvania,

Mr AJ.C. Hull and Miss B.J. Baylor The engagement is announced between Adrian, younger son of Mr Anthony Hull and of Mrs Jane Hull, both of Ely, Cambridgeshire, and Belinda, only daughter of the late Mr Richard Baylor and of Mrs Gracia Baylor, of Healesville, Victoria, Australia.

Mr S.C. Northcott and Miss M.P. Hall

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr Martin Northcott, of Langport, Somerset, and Mrs Richard Hutchings, of West Lydford, Somerset, and Michelle, daughter of Mrs Patricia Hall, of Flixton

Manchester.

Mr A.E. Northcott and Miss V.M. Acworth The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of Mr Martin Northcott, of Langport, Somerset and Mrs Richard Hurchings, of West Lydford, Somerset, and Victoria, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Robert Acworth, of Great Wishford, Salisbury, Wiltshire. Mr J.R.S. Page

and Miss J.R. Proctor The engagement is announced between Jason Robert Stoddart. only son of Mr and Mrs Adam Page, of Swithland Hall, Swithland, Leicestershire, and Justine Rosalind, youngest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Julian Proctor. of Onslow House, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire

Mr R.J. Perkins and Dr R.M. Barnard

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Perkins, of Croughton. Northamptonshire, and Rosslyn, daughter of Mrs Margaret Barnard and the late Mr Anthony Barnard, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.J. Reeves and Miss S.E. Fitzgerald The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs John Reeves, of North Baddesley, Hampshire, and Sophie, younger daughter of the late John Fitzgerald and of Mrs Anne Fitzgerald, of Crondall,

Marriages

Mr D.D. Grantham and Miss N.H. Taylor

The marriage took place on September 13, 1947, at Dirleton Kirk, of David, son of Margaret and Peter Grantham, of Hessle, Hull, to Nicola, younger daughter of Helen and George Taylor, of North Berwick. The Rev P.H.

Cashman officiated. Mr C. Macrae and Miss A. Sutherland

The marriage took place on Saturday. September 6, 1997. at Wedderburn Castle. Berwickshire, of Mr Callum Macrae, son of the Rev Norman and Mrs Macrae, of Edinburgh, to Miss Alexandra Sutherland, daughter of the late Sir Jain Sutherland and of Lady Sutherland, of Highgate, London

Memorial services

The Rev W.V. Awdry A memorial service for the Rev Wilbert Vere Awdry, creator of Thomas the Tank Engine, was held yesterday in Gloucester Cathedral. Canon Roger Grey officiated and Mrs Hilary

Fortnam led the prayers. Mr Christopher Awdry and Mrs Veronica Chambers read the les-sons and Mr Brian Sibley read from the Mr Awdry's works. The Right Rev John Yales

Miss Helene Hanff A memorial tribute to Miss Helene Hanff, author of 84 Charing Cross Road, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The programme was introduced by Ms Miriam Karlin who also read an extract from Duchess of Biooms-

Ms Doreen Mantle read extracts from Q's Legacy. Mr David Swift read part of a lecture on Jargon by

Karlin and Ms Charmian May read an extract from Underfoot in Show Business and Miss Rosemary Leach, Mr Swift and Ms May read extracts from 84 Charing Cross Road.
The Rev James Roose-Evans

read from the works of John Donne and Shakespeare. Miss Valerie Grove of The Times and Miss Sue MacGregor paid tribute. Miss Macgregor ulso read an address by Mr André Deutsch A recording of Miss Hanff on the BBC's Woman's Hour was played during the service.

Church news

The Rev Ion Wright, Assistant Curate, Carlisle St John the Evangelist (Carlisle): to be Assistan Curate, Bassenthwaite, Isel Sermurthy, Ireby and Uldale, and Althallows and Torpenhow (same diocese).

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to Lucinda (née Little) and Adrian, a daughter, Incogen Rose, a sister for Chièe, William and Brang.

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13th, to Annabelle (nee Curling) and Stephen, a daughter, Julia Emily. SCHOOL - On 13th August Stamford, Connecticut, to Jeany (née-McGrath) and

WARD - On 6th September, to Pamela (née Witze) and Andrew, twin sons, Alec Christopher and Connor

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ABEL SMITH - On 15th September 1997 Susy, much loved wife of Tim and mother of Lucy and Julia. Funeral on Friday 19th September at 4 pm at Morthabs Cressitotics. All

ALUEHD - Communiter (h.) John Butler R.N. (retired), died peacefully at home on Sunday September 14th aged 86. Dearly loved by his insuly and friends Famous, Tuesday 23rd September. Details from J.T. Ugalde & Son below. Family flowers only, Donations to British Red Cross Society or Cancer Research Campaign may be sunt c/o J.T. Ugalde & Son, tel: (01579) 343168.

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liam Henry Fox Talbot, pioneer of photography, Lacock Abbey, Wilt-shire, 1877; Eugene-Emmanuel Viollet-le-Duc, architect, Lausanne, 1879; Count Folke Bernadotte, UN mediator, assassinated, Jerusalem, 1948; Ruth York. 1948; Dame Lilian

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WARD - Devid Harrey of Forcerth, Selfolk, died peacefully on September 15th. Husband of Valerie, and the late Mary, greatly leved father of Louise, stepfather of Christopher, Nicola and Piers, and arach leved grandfather of Condida, fulls and Henry. Funezi at Faneath Cauche on Thursday 25th September at 12 moon. Family Howers only.

WORMWELL - Dr Frank Wormwell DSc, PHD, MSc, FLCOML (BON) on the 14th of September at home, aged 91 years. Kind and inving headend of Edyl, and belar and grandfather. Funeral Service at Lancaster Cremetorium on Friday 19th September at 2 pm. Enquiries, Alas I Thompson 15. Tet 018576 58732.

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JANET LEACH

Janet Leach, potter, died in St Ives on September 12 aged 79. She was born in Texas on March 15, 1918.

lthough she was married to Bernard Leach, founding father of the 20thcentury studio pottery movement and perhaps the most influential potter of modern times, Janet Leach never allowed herself to be overshadowed by her husband. For many years she ran his business, the Leach Pottery in St Ives, supervising production, developing new designs. and marketing the wares; but she was also a notable potter on her own account. While both she and Bernard

Leach aimed to fuse European modernism with the traditional arts of Japan, their styles and approaches were quite distinct. Bold and often monumental, spontaneous yet refined, distinguished by an innovative use of glaze, Janet Leach's pots were the creative expression of a unique and powerful personality.

Janet Darnell was born in Grand Saline, Texas; her parents' families had travelled there by wagon train across the United States. In her early years she wanted to be a sculptor, and used to whittle and carve bits of wood and stone with knives confiscated from criminals by her policeman grandfather.

She briefly attended an art school in Dallas, before moving while still in her teens to New York to continue her art studies. She worked as a sculptor's assistant on the Federal Arts Project and with the sculptor Robert Cronbach on architectural commissions. During the war she served as a welder on warships in the Staten Island shippards, and was married for a while to Joe Turino, a fellow shipyard

Though she was ever interested in materials, it was not



until after the war that she became so fascinated by "clay and fire" that she studied ceramics, first at the Inwood Pottery just outside New York and later at Alfred University. It was at this time that she first came across a copy of Bernard Leach's inspirational volume

A Potter's Book (1940). She did some teaching at Rockland State Hospital, a mental institution in New York State, and in 1947 she moved to Threefold Farm in Spring Valley, a community built on the anthroposophical principles of Rudolf Steiner. There she set up her own pottery; the Steiner communiy's threefold concern with head, heart and hand found expression in the triangular

mark with which she ever

after stamped her pots. It was in 1952 at Black Mountain College, North Carolina, that she first met Bernard Leach, then on a lecture tour of America accompanied by the potter Shoji Hamada and the writer Soetsu Yanaei. It was a meeting which changed her life, though it was Hamada, rather than her future husband, who made the greater impression on her at the time.

She found herself fascinated by the philosophy and techniques of Japanese pottery. Subsequently, she requested and received permission to study pottery in Japan; she was, in fact, the first Western

During the two years she for her in St Ives, and her work spent in the country she had would frequently reinterpret the constant advice and help of traditional Japanese forms, Hamada. But as well as such as those associated with working with him, she travthe tea ceremony.

Bernard Leach had joined elled widely. She met many of Japan's master potters and

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her on some of her travels in Japan. and their friendship gradually deepened. In 1956 she followed him back to Britain, but she arrived at the Leach Ponery in St Ives in Comwall not (she was always eager to point out) as a student of Leach's, but as a potter in her own right. "I had my own ideas. I came to marry him."

Bernard Leach was 30 years older than she was, and she was to be his third wife. Their original plan was for them both to move to Japan, leaving the established Leach Pottery in the hands of Bernard's son David; David's decision to set up on his own forced them to abandon that idea.

Despite having no experience of running a comparable operation. Janet Leach took over the management of the Leach Pottery. Direct, outspoken and energetic, she made it work, and was accepted in the close community of St Ives. where for forty years she was a familiar figure in her stetson

At the same time she continued with her own work. Drawing freely on Japanese forms and techniques, she developed a distinctive style that com-bined wheel-throwing with hand-building, producing simple yet irregular shapes, and using runny poured glazes to dramatic decorative effect. She exhibited her pottery all over the world, and had the distinction of a number of solo shows in Japan, where she was perhaps better appreciated than she was in

"Janet's pots show no direct influence from mine," Bernard Leach wrote, more or less approvingly. The relationship of two such determined and creative individuals was not always easy. They were often critical of each other's work, and Janet Leach was unable to share the Bah'ai faith that became an increasingly important part of her husband's life. But they remained united by their interest in Japan, and their mutual respect endured until Bernard Leach's death in

Janet Leach continued to work almost to the end of her life, though her health deteriorated badly in her later years: once she could no longer operate the wheel, she carried on making pots by hand. She was unduly modest in summing up her lifelong dedication to her art: "I'm not a mother, not a gardener. I don't knit, and I'm lousy around the house. So I guess I have the time, and I iust make pots."

RONALD HURST

Ronald Hurst, aviation expert and historian, died on August 23 aged 75. He was born in Manchester on August 20, 1922.

THE first connection Ronald Hurst had with aviation was as a special German-speaking operator with the highly secret "Airborne Cigar" operations of Bomber Command's 101 squadron, in 1943-44. Equipment had been developed to counter the German Zahme Sau and Wilde Sau systems, which directed fighter pilots orbiting a radio beacon. The Airborne Cigar enabled Allied bombers to intercept and overlay the German instructions. which were usually given verbally.

Hurst completed a full tour on this dangerous operation, during which 101 Squadron had the unenviable record of flying the largest number of sorties in what later became known as the Battle of Berlin. After a large number of casualties, he also volunteered for a second tour.

Ronald Hurst had gone from Manchester Grammar School into the RAF, and much of the rest of his life was to be concerned with aviation. After involvement in a num-ber of aviation design projects and a period in business jour-nalism, Hurst moved to civil aviation's international relations and later founded and edited the Commonwealth Air Transport Review. While in this job, he became

disturbed by the frequency of "pilot error" verdicts after air disasters. His investigations showed that in many instances pilot error was the last in a series of mistakes. He summed up the situation sardonically: "The pilot usually arrives at the scene of the accident first, through the windscreen and with £12 million of aircraft strapped to his bottom."

The result of his research was the acclaimed book Pilot Error (1976), which helped to change the international

April 23, 1909.



thinking in accident investiga-

A second aviation book. stemming from his pioneering studies of human factors in air operations, was Zagreh One Four (1982), an investigation into what had been the world's worst mid-air collision. He was also editor of the Granada Aviation Library,

At 72 he was accepted by St Cross College, Oxford, to un-dertake research for a doctoral thesis about an influential figure in early British avia-tion. Charles Grey, founder of the magazine The Aeroplane. The work was almost completed when he became itl.

Ronald Hurst's greatest love was history. His last book, The Golden Rock: An Episode of the American War of Independence, investigates an almost unknown incident and showed the British heroes Admiral Rodney and General John Vaughan to have been unprincipled plunderers.

Ronald Hurst was an outstanding and ingenious researcher, a fluent writer with a personality and sense of humour which charmed all those who came into contact with him, even when they held diametrically opposing views. His many friends and admirers in the aviation industry will mourn the passing of one of its major analysts.

He is survived by his wife and by three children.

LEO JAFFE

JEAN POPEREN

Jean Poperen, former deputy leader of the French Socialist Party, died in Paris on August 23 aged 72. He was born in Angers on January 9, 1925.

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A BRILLIANT but dogmatic politician. Jean Poperen was at the heart of the campaigns and the fierce internal battles of the French Left over a period of fifty years. He never had blood on his hands, for he was a humorous man behind an austere look accentuated by rimless glasses. But in some ways he was the modern "Incorruptible", the name given to the man who always fascinated him - Robespierre, a selection of whose works he edited in three volumes.

Poperen was a lifelong opponent of déviationnisme from what he saw as a united French Left of Socialists, Communists and others. Even at the end of his life he was still fighting rearguard battles against the market economy and globalisation

He was a one-time militant Communist who left the party in disgust in 1958 and who, step by reluctant step, came to support François Mitterrand and, more recently, Lionel Jospin, France's current Prime Minister.

Poperen was one of the most skilled dialecticians thrown up by the French Left since the war. He was a brilliant orator with a vast knowledge of history who fought most of his battles, generally losing ones.

at party congresses. With him, the French Socialists have lost one of their last great éléphants - the French equivalent of political warhorses.

Jean Maurice Poperen was born into a left-wing family in Angers. His father, a schoolteacher, was a self-prociaimed "anarchist trade unionist". He was a top history student at the Lycee Louis-le-Grand in Paris, and in April 1944, before the Liberation. he distributed Communist tracts. By 1947 he was secretary of Les Etudiants Communistes and later he was sent by the party to Bucharest for a year's course at the Kominform college. His brother rose to become a member of the party's politburo.

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visited its rural potteries, in

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ily pottery of Tanso Ichino in

the mountain village of Tamba, where Hamada him-

self had studied. She worked

there for a time, overcoming

any opposition to the idea of a

woman pursuing what was by

tradition a male occupation in

was only in Japan that she started to make "really decent

pots". She was later to have a Japanese wheel and kiln built

She always reckoned that it

1953 and the Hungarian uprising in 1956 began to weaken his faith. The French party, fearing fractionnisme on his part, had him watched. But it was a local issue - the party's

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tame response to the return of General de Gaulle - that led Poperen and 48 other leading intellectuals to slam the door. claiming they had been cured for ever of communism.

This was not quite true, for Poperen was an active supporter of the Union de la Gauche between Socialists and Communists, which led to the participation of Communists in the first Mitterrand Government, after 1981, and their renewed presence in government today. Poperen had moved to-

wards Mitterrand after the latter consolidated his hold over the French Left with his strong showing against de Gaulle in the 1965 presidential election. Poperen had forged links with Michel Rocard's small Parti Socialiste Unifié. The relationship of Poperen and the future Prime Minister says much about Poperen's appeal to his fellows. Rocard felt obliged to expel him from Unified Socialists,

but 28 years later he appointed

Poperen to his Government, and that despite Poperen's accusing him publicly of being Rocard d'Estaing", a play on the name of the former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing which implied a move to the right. Poperen also survived voting against Mitterrand at the important Socialist Congress of 1971, which saw the emergence of a more united party and began its long march to power a decade later. Though never a member of Mitterrand's inner circle. Poperen was nevertheless the party's propaganda chief and electoral specialist in the 1970s He was elected a deputy in

1973 for the Rhone department, a post he held until 1988, when Rocard and Edith Cresson each appointed him Minister in charge of Relations with Parliament in their respective Governments.

in 1981. Poperen was named deputy leader under Jospin, then the party's general secretary. The two men were never close. Jospin did not like Poperen's individualism, while Poperen claimed that the future leader of the party was flirting with the hated centre. Poperen believed in an old-

fashioned left-wing union of the workers, and in the primacy of state schools over Roman Catholic, although, like everyone, he was staggered when the private school lobby put a million protesters onto the Paris streets in 1984.

He was never happier than when pressing home his views at congresses in a heated atmosphere of internal party strife. Jospin wanted an end to the courants (or splinter groups) which had plagued the party, and strove for more unified backing. He won the battle of the courants, for the party now allows only what Jospin calls different sensibilités. Yet the Communists are back in government, in a new version of the old left-wing unity.
When the Socialists lost par-liamentary power in 1993, Poperen was able to say it was

because inequality reigned in the land, and the last of his political books was entitled Socialists: The Final Fall. Yet he was wrong. In January this year, he suffered a stroke and was not able to savour the Socialists' return to power, masterminded this time by Jospin. Poperen had stood down from Parliament in 1993, a year after losing his ministeri-al post, but had continued to be active on the fringes, found-

ing Nouveau Monde 92, a

movement opposed to globali-

sation. He is survived by his

wife, Nathalie.

Leo Jaffe, former chairman of Columbia Pictures, died on August After the Socialist landslide 20 aged 88. He was born in New York City on

> IN THE Hollywood of Leo Jaffe's youth, a man's word was his bond, and he remained the embodiment of integrity during a 50-year career at Columbia Pictures which saw seismic shifts in the way movie deals are

> > A respected dealmaker and shrewd businessman, Jaffe had not expected to work in the film industry, which in his youth was still emerging from adolescence; but while studying business administration at New York University he took a summer job in the auditing department at Columbia and was birten by the celluloid bug. He never looked back.

conceived and cemented.

ranks of businessmen drawn to the burgeoning industry, which was awash with money. He joined the studio's auditing department in 1930, rising through the ranks to be treasurer in 1959, vice-president in 1967 and chairman in 1973. During his time, the studio grew from a struggling independent operation to a global

Jaffe did not wait to finish

his degree before joining the

player. As chairman. Jaffe saw it as his task to ensure good relations with creative talent. Known first and foremost as a businessman, he confidently left decisions pertaining to scripts and casting to others. He preferred to plan and execute the deal. During his eight-year chair-

manship. Jaffe was largely responsible for shepherding to the studio an array of talented directors and producers, who were then given their creative freedom. They included Ray Stark (Funny Girl, The Way

the Waterfront, Lawrence of Arabia). Otto Preminger (Anatomy of a Murder). Richard Brooks (Lord Jim, In Cold Blood), Stanley Kramer (The Caine Mutiny) and Steven Spielberg (Close Encounters of the Third Kind). It was Jaffe who released the critically acclaimed Kramer vs Kramer. Midnight Express and Taxi Driver.

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The producer Ray Stark recalled that Jaffe was an aggressive competitor when chasing projects for Colum-bia, and fought hard when the script of Funny Girl came across his desk. When Stark signalled that he wanted to cast an unknown called Barbra Streisand in the lead. Jaffe backed him over objections from fellow executives. who wanted a star name. This loyalty to talent served

exceedingly well. Talented people flocked to work under him, confident of his support for their sometimes controversial decisions. Yet Columbia Pictures was not immune to scandal. Jaffe was at the helm in 1977 when

both Jaffe and his films

the studio was rocked by the revelation that the then president, David Begelman, had forged checks to embezzle \$61,000 from the company. The studio initially allowed Begelman to retain his job, but later it had to fire him. Jaffe was honoured many times by his peers, winning

the Motion Picture Pioneer of the Year in 1972 and the Jean Hersholt Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1979. After retirement he chaired the motion picture and television division of the US Information Agency for seven years.

He is survived by his third wife, Anita, three sons and two daughters.

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THERAPIA, Sept 6. I find that I telegraphed by pure in-

advertence that Mrs. Layard was the first European lady with whom a Sultan had sat down to direner at his own table. What I should have said was that Mrs. Layard is the first lady, not being of Royal rank, to whom this compliment has been paid. It has, in fact, been paid to at least two other "European ladies," so that my telegram was not strictly correct. But then they were ladies, and something more, the one being Empress of the French, the other Princess of Wales, who as such could not only treat even with a Sultan on equal terms, but were also receiving the hospitality they had already shown him at

SULTAN ABDUL HAMID.

their own Courts. The dinner here was served in the French style, and is said to have been a very pleasant one, the Sultan playing the host to perfection. Wine was put upon the table for the guests, but the Sultan only drank sherbet. He proposed the health of the Queen of England. expressing his gratitude for the kind interest which Her Majesty had shown in the Turkish wounded by sending bandages to be distrib-uted by Mrs. Layard among the sufferers. That the Sultan should have sat down at the

ON THIS DAY

September 17, 1877 经建筑

Mrs Layard, wife of Henry Layard, diplomat, archaeologist, and politician, has her niche in history, apparently being the first lady, not of royal rank, to dine with the Sultan Abdul Hamid at his own table

same table with the wife of Her Britannic Majesty's Representative at Constantinonle is here considered something so startlingly unusual as to have excited more attention than would be bestowed on a Turkish victory or defeat. I was severely cross-examined this afternoon as to whether Mrs. Layard had dined in the "Haremlyk" or the "Selamlyk" by an English lady long resident in this country, who seemed to find it difficult to believe that the Sultan could possibly entertain a lady in the "Selamlyk." Let me explain that by "Haremlyk" is meant the portion of a Turkish house set apart for the women, and by "Selamlyk" that for the men. No Turk would

ever think of allowing a lady of his own household to come into the "Selamlyk," and it is only very recently that the more advanced and daring Radicals have ventured to dine occasionally with their wives in the harem. In a Turkish house, in fact, there are always two dinners served, one for the husband and his guests, who, in the true spirit of Turkish hospitality, sit down to table as a matter of course when they happen to be in the house at the dinner hour, and another for the wife and her female friends, who could no more join the male dinner party in the "Selamlyk" than the husband's friends could join the ladies in the harem, the threshold of which even the wife's brother cannot cross.

In spire, however, of all these cogent a priori reasons to prove the impossibility of so monstrous a departure from Mussulman custom it nevertheless is a matter of fact that Mrs. Layard did dine in the "Selamlyk." It is doubtless the most striking, but by no means the first, proof that the present Sultan has given of his desire to emancipate himself from the tradition and prejudices of the Ottoman court. It may make English readers smile, but there it is noted as a matter of grave importance, that His Imperial Majesty offers cigarettes to his favoured guests with his own hand from his own case . . .

The sum of the parts

One-stop 'reading shops' could prove to be a boon for busy people, says **Morag Preston**

or many people, ploughing through the acres of newsprint in their daily papers, is at best daunting, at worst impossible. For those who rarely make it to the features pages, help is at hand. Cover, a latter-day Reader's Digest will go on sale for the first time tomorrow. It aims to bring together the best of features and photographs from newspapers and glossies around the world. Twelve researchers, mostly freelance journalists, three of them based overseas, will select from 190 international publications. The co-editors, Danny Danziger and Robert Lacey, will then sift through their choices and enter the best for publication.

'Cover goes beyond what any one daily paper can do. because of the wide range of its material," says Mr Danziger. "It seemed a pity that there are so many exciting features, but readers have little opportunity to read them." The co-editors' aim is to enhance what has already been published, and possibly ignored. Longer features, which cost them £350 on average, will be accompanied by beautifully shot pictures, priced at around £100 each.

In an age when news is on tap 24-hours a day, Mr Danziger recognises the inherent contradiction in what he is trying to do: to save people time. yet encourage them to read more.

The idea of a one-stop reading shop could be the answer to newspaper lovers' prayers. The American concept of a news magazine which, unlike a digest, includes freshly commissioned material, is catching on in Britain, despite the failure of Now!, launched by Sir James Goldsmith in 1979, and folding in 1981 with a loss of £12 million. The growth of publications such as Time (whose circulation has shot up 20 per cent, to 625,000, in the past ten years) and Newsweek (whose circulation in the UK has increased by 23 per cent, to 306,264, over the same period) is proof that receiving your reading matter in one manageable package

Circulation of Time and Newsweek in the US is four million and 3.2 million respectively. A news magazine has not yet been launched in the UK, and the gap is rapidly being filled by publications such as Time



which produce issues tailor-made in the sun. They are the businessman for a European market. Circulation

of The Guardian Weekly, the digest that syndicates articles from international publications, including Le Monde and The Washington Post. has risen 49 per cent, to 110,000, in the past ten years. Reader's Digest, with a circulation of more than 1.0 million, is the most successful compinews digest that now has a circulation of 25,000. "People are

> Readers go on action holidays rather than sit in the sun

reader), as well as the average Reader's Digest reader." Mr Danziger must know what he is up against. From The Spectator to Punch, there is no shortage of reading matter aimed at a well-read, middle-class British market. But that is precisely Mr Danziger's point. His readers are "busy people. They read two or three magazines already. They go on action holidays rather than sit

lation magazine. "While

we do not intend to rival

ty, we do anticipate a

higher mix of AB readers,

and a generally younger audience," says Mr Danziger. "Reader's Di-

gest is seen as old-fash-ioned, aimed at a middle-

market. Our target circu-

lation includes this group.

but the style of our maga-

zine will appeal to the

higher-profile sections of

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this segment lie the Vanity Fair

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on a flight to New York who reads The Economist for business and Cover for pleasure — to keep in touch." Jon Connell used the same argument when he launched The Week. In 1995, the former Deputy Editor of The Sunday Telegraph published the first copy of the weekly

busier either at work or at home than they used to be. At the same time, newspapers are getting bigger and bigger. There are so many newspapers, with so many different views; we have brought them all together." Unlike Cover, which will cost £2.50. Mr Connell's weekly digest focuses on news and current affairs. It takes what Mr Connell deems the best bits from

the week's papers in a witty and concise way. He says: "Rather than add to the swelling number of columnists, we offer a rounder view. News magazines are themselves full of long, opinionated pieces. They have never come off here. There is too much duplication between what they do and what newspapers do." Condensing views from the world's press into snippets also means he avoids

For some people, one drawback is the time delay. The Week, which costs £1.50, goes to press on Wednesdays and comes out on Fridays; by then some of the news is ten days old. So, how does The Week survive in the face of 24-hour news? "Most people don't travel around with computers and TVs on their laps. People are still attached to ink on paper. Most news is fairly dull, what's interesting is what people have to say. The Week

isn't there just to bring you the news." There is a gap of two weeks between the time Cover goes to press and the day it hits the streets. It must be one of the few publications bold enough to carry a two-year-old restaurant review in its first issue. "If something is interesting, it doesn't matter how old it is," says Mr Danziger, adding that he will occasionally get a writer to update a piece. But what if someone read the piece

two years ago? "If people see one or two articles they have read before, they'll think, hey, these guys are on my wavelength. Remember, there will be 120 separate stories in an edition." Mr Connell finds Cover "an interesting idea". But he sees obsta-cles ahead for the magazine, which will go on sale through subscription and WH Smith stores in France. Holland and Belgium. "The problem is one of selection. Some people might want to read a longer piece on



Code of the humbugs

'It is Fleet

Street's

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ON THE Monday after the funeral of Diana. Princess of Wales, the Daily Mail reported that its proprietor, Lord Rothermere, had ordered that his papers should no longer publish pictures by paparazzi. "Mail leads the way in banning paparazzi pictures", its headline announced.

Outraged, Charles Moore, Editor of The Daily Telegraph, responded next day in a long leading article attacking Lord Rothermere and Editor in-Chief Sir David English (also chairman of the Press Complaints Commission's Code of Practice Committee). The headline was contemptible, he said. The Mail had been among the leaders of the pack in hunting the Princess. Within days, the quarrel had escalated into the biggest brawl in Fleet Street in living memory.

Even though the issue at stake is deeply serious, there has been a high degree of entertainment for other journalists in the

increasingly victous spat. On Friday, the Mail quoted unidentified "industry observers" as being concerned that the Telegraph was obsessed by the Church and "arcane constitutional questions"; another "media analyst" described Moore as a dilettante more concerned with venting his spleen than editing his newspaper. To have Sir David as chairman of the Code of Practice Committee, replied Conrad Black, chairman of the Telegraph, was like appointing Al Capone to investigate crime in 1920s Chicago.

On Monday Paul Dacre, Editor of the Daily Mail, answered back in The Guardian by telling Moore that, after the dreaded paparazzi, the Princess, whom he had come to know and like (since the Mail was the

come to know and like (since the Mail was the paper she and her friends read) most disliked him and his paper.

Yesterday Black responded with an unprecedentedly savage attack on a national newspaper editor by a rival proprietor, accusing the Mail of "moral bankruptcy". Sir David, he added, was guilty of "shameful myth-making" and uttering "impertinent lies" about the Telegraph. Was he a suitable chairman of the PCC's Code of Conduct Committee? "The question is not rhetorical. Committee? "The question is not rhetorical, although the answer is obvious. He should repent or resign."

It will be interesting when the committee meets in London today. Among the 11 national and regional editors sitting down with Sir David will be Moore. Another will be Bridget Rowe, whose Sunday Mirror bought the paparazzi pictures, published three weeks before the Princess's death, which first showed the seriousness of her liaison with Dodi Fayed. The same pictures were published the next day in the Daily

On both sides there have been palpable hits — for Dacre his justified statement that the Princess

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Moore's accusation that the Mail claimed higher ground than The Sun and The Mirror but often used the same tactics has wounded the Mail.
Study, for instance, the Daily Mail's front page
in the six days before the Princess's death:
Monday: Diana and Dodi: Amazing New Pictures (from paparazzi). Tuesday: Charles and the Indian "Rasputin".

Wednesday: Lynda Lee-Potter — Why Diana is Such a Poor Mother to Her Boys. Thursday: Diana's Fury At "Stitch-Up"
Friday: Diana and Dodi, on a jet ski made for

two (paparazzi pictures).

As both Dacre and Sir David claim, the Daily

Mail is a very successful newspaper, but it must beware humbug and hubris. Speak as you find, they say. So I do, from personal experience. When the Daily Mail wants to buy a book for serialisation, it seems to believe it has

been grievously wronged if any other paper wins the contest — and all too often works on spoilers, debasing standards of editorial conduct. Within the past few weeks, an author whose book is to be serialised

by The Times was approached for in-formation about his family back-ground by a person who said he was a friend of a relative. That relative had been dead for ten months. The telephone number he left was answered at the Daily Mail. Remember Dunblane? A friend's

wife is headteacher of a London primary school. One day last summer a woman appeared in the playground. Assuming she was a parent, she was escorted to the office where she said she needed to speak to the head. Asked if it was about her children, she answered: "Sort of". She explained that she wanted to talk about some of the families. Only when challenged and asked if she was a reporter did she show her press card and reveal that she wanted the names of three families of lone parents living on benefit details obviously confidential to the school and should not even have been asked for. The woman was from the Daily Mail.

ONE LEGACY of the Princess death will certainly be a moratorium on paparazzi pictures. But, as Moore argues, it was not only the princess who was harassed by the tabloids. Clause 7 (i) of the Code of Practice, agreed by all editors, says: "Journalists should not generally obtain or seek to obtain information or pictures through misrepresentation or subterfuge." Editors will demonstrate sincerity in their repen-tance about the hounding of Diana or their

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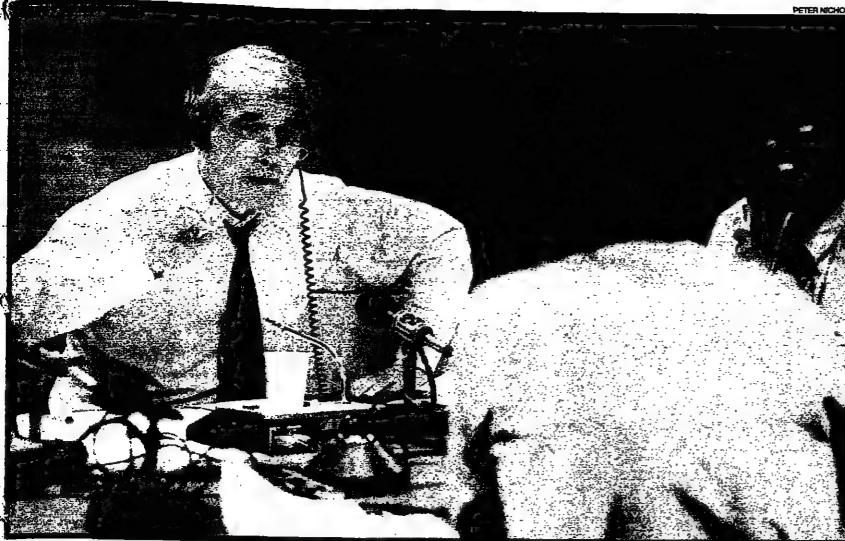
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John Humphrys interviewing Paddy Ashdown on Today: some fear such programmes will lose their distinctiveness if no one person is in charge

BBC cuts cause dismay

BC news journalists were last night reacting with disbelief to compelling internal news of their own — the decision by the BBC management to abolish almost immediately the posts of editor and deputy editor of all BBC news programmes radio and television.

The decision means that within two weeks such venerable posts as the editorship of the Today programme on Radio 4, this year celebrating its 40th anniversary, and of Newsnight will lapse. Instead, five executive editors, supported by associate editors, will be appointed who will have responsibility over entire blocks of news programming, radio as well as television, around the clock.

For instance, Today, The World at One, PM, The World This Weekend, The World Tonight and Radio I news programmes will all be under the control of a single executive editor. Journalists fear they in turn will be scheduled by rota to

Journalists are worried that the abolition of the senior posts could lead to a 'dumbing down' of news output, says Raymond Snoddy, Media Editor

work on a wide range of different running costs of around £12 distinctiveness of individual proprogrammes.

The reorganisation will be seen as the latest stage in the Birtian" revolution at the BBC the programme of change designed by John Birt, the BBC Director-General, to modernise the corporation.

Partly because of pressure on the BBC licence fee, which only just keeps in line with inflation, and partly because of the costs of launching new digital television channels, including a 24-hour news station for the UK, there has been pressure to cut costs. Programme executives have been asked to suggest how savings of up to 30 per cent over five years can be made. The 24hour television news service alone will cost around £30 million to set up and will have

million a year, even though it will have very few viewers in the early days until digital "black boxes" become widely available.

The ending of the existing programme production structure is seen by BBC management as the best way to save money while at the same time safeguarding programme quality and making the best of new technology. In a letter to all BBC News staff Richard Clemmow, head of news programmes, said that the plans have been drawn up "to help us maintain the high quality of our programmes on TV and radio despite reduced budgets by making the most of the opportunities presented by co-siting and new technology". The opponents of the scheme

will argue that some of the

grammes will be lost - particularly on programmes such as Today, Newsnight and The World Tonight - if no one person is clearly in charge. The editor of Today, for example, is in a powerful position to generate his own stories that are quite

distinct from the obvious break-

The fear among journalists is

ing news stories and events.

that there will be at the very least a homogenising effect, if not an actual "dumbing down", of BBC news output so that all BBC news programmes would begin to look and sound very similar. Some suspect that Mr Birt's agenda may indeed be to break up the small baronies that individual editors can create, and to turn the BBC into a more focused news machine that can

compete more effectively inter-nationally with CNN, the Atlanta-based 24-hour television news group. By using journalists more interchangeably between different news programmes, they also fear there could be a loss of specialist expertise and

The row mirrors the controversy stirred up last year, when the BBC announced that World Service news programmes in English would in future be produced by the BBC News division under contract, and that the journalists involved would be physically separated from the specialists who produce the foreign-language programmes. The plans were modified after a vigorous campaign by World Service journalists and the intervention of the Foreign Office.

Yesterday's announcement could stir up a similiar controversy, with several programme editors apparently threatening to resign yesterday rather than having to pitch for one of the executive editor posts.

Digital broadcasting plans could backfire

Is this the end of TV as we know it?

ehind closed doors the Govern-B ment is seriously contemplating a decision that could change the nature of television and that Sir Humphrey, the star of Yes, Minister. would find more than a touch "coura-

In the interests of launching a new digital television industry and selling off some very lucrative broadcasting frequencies to the highest bidder, the Culture, Media and Sport Department, almost certainly aided and abetted by the Department of Trade and Industry, would dearly like to set a date for the end of analogue

Stripped of technical jargon this simply means that if you want to continue watching television beyond any cut-off date you will have to buy either a new set or a black box to handle

digital pictures. In return, of course, viewers would be able to receive at least 40 news television channels without needing a satellite dish or cable connection. Some channels could even be seen without any additional charge such as a 24-hour television news service from the BBC and ITV2. Viewers would have

to pay extra for other subscription channels from the BBC and BSkyB, the satellite television venture. You also get interference-free television, wide-screen transmission and better

Nera, the communications consultants, are already assessing for the Government the cost and feasibility of ending analogue broadcasts in five, ten or 15 years. A 15-year cut-off date is not really such an onerous target. A fiveyear deadline, however, is so positively courageous that it would make Sir Humphrey's head spin. The only way to do it would be to auction the frequencies occupied by channels such as BBCI and ITV and use part of the proceeds to buy everyone a digital box.

Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, would be wise to be cautious. Voters do not like politicians interfering with their television service — still the largest leisure pursuit in the UK. Hundreds of thousands of people being coerced into buying a new selevision set on the eve of a general election could have unimaginable political consequences. Which leaves ten years as an

apparently sensible compromise. After in America, the Federal Communications Commission has set just such a deadline. On December 31, 2006, the networks have to vacate their existing frequencies and move to digital. Ex-

Congress has already driven a coach and horses through the plan and inserted all sorts of caveats and reviews, which almost guarantee that broadcasters can postpone the evil day.

The Heritage Secretary in the previous Government, Virginia Bottomley. who could be very stubborn in trying to get her own way, decided to duck the issue and review the situation in five years, or when half the population is equipped to receive digital pictures.

whichever arrives first.
The transition could, of course, be left to the market, as the Labour Government has done in so many other areas. But even here there are problems. More than three million new television sets are bought in the

UK each year and it would seem the simplest thing to require that all new sets contain the necessary chips. Then in no time at all, the 22 million television homes would be suitably equipped and the revolution would be

Unfortunately there is little hope for Mr Smith. These days television sets last for ever and old sets in decent working order in-habit kitchens, bedrooms

attics. Even if viewers were prepared to buy one new digital set, the political reckoning would still be fearsome if Mr Smith or his successors were responsible for fading out the picture on all the other screens.

If the Culture Secretary decides that discretion would indeed be a wise and valiant course to take, digital terrestrial television would have a slow and difficult birth. After all, 200 channel television systems are due to launch on digital satellite and digital cable next

istory suggests that Mr Smith should leave well alone or find other ways of reducing the cost of digital equipment, perhaps through tax incentives. Previous goveraments have tried to boost British industry in the communications sector by setting high technical standards and driving consumer demand in particular directions, and little good came of it. Occasionally on city roofs, you can still see a useless, melancholy BSB Squarial designed to bring viewers the highest quality pictures. It is almost as if they are there as warnings to governments not to get carried away trust the people and their judgment on what electronic equipment they want to buy, or can be sold, rather than trying to mandate technical change.

Why local stations can't do without News Bunny

elvin MacKenzie managing director of had another ground-breaking idea for Live TV, the cable channel that has already brought viewers topless darts. weather forecast in Norwegian and News Bunny.
"We are going to get a very

fat bloke dancing on a table and then the table collapses and the bloke goes ahhhhhhh It goes on for a minute," Mr MacKenzie says. "This may not do much but can I tell you people prefer one-minute television to half-an-hour television," says the former Editor of The Sun. He adds, in the spirit of being helpful to David Elstein, the cerebral chief executive of Channel 5, that Channel 5 would be a success much sooner if it adopted a few such "hudicrous, totally ridiculous" MacKenzie's great

achievement so far has been to make what would otherwise have been an obscure cableonly channel with a national share of viewing of 0.5 per cent, into one of the most notorious channels in the world attracting documentary-makers from as far away as Australia to observe the henomenon.

In fact the News Burny and ess darts have obscured Mr MacKenzie's more serious purpose — the creation of a large network of truly local TV stations in the UK.

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Later this month Live TV will launch its sixth local service, in Newcastle upon Tyne, and will mark the occasion by rechristening the entire genre, the city television network. At the beginning of every hour there is half an hour of local news and information, usually produced by a team of about 20, a programme that is updated regulatly. The second half-hour features the national Live service from London.

If Newcastle follows the pattern of Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Westminster, the cities that already have a local service, then there will be programmes concentrating on the local football teams complete with interviews with



The News Bunny and Kelvin Mackenzie, the managing director of Mirror Television

The channel, which is

owned by Associated Newspa-

pers, publishers of the Daily

more than 60 redundancies

and a new format. Channel

One has in London, Bristol

and Liverpool eschewed the

gimmicks of Live and concen-

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more local basis in London. By

combining text from PA News.

the national agency, on screen

alongside local features, Chan-

nel One says it can provide a

tailor-made news service for

believes the main challenge

now is to persuade more local

advertisers that they can aff-

ord to advertise on TV, or at

As for Mr MacKenzie, he

different areas of London.

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under the title More

News Less Rabbit, it

Despite Live TV's whacky image Kelvin MacKenzie's real aim is to create truly local television. Raymond Snoddy reports

different way.

managers, programmes on pets and vets, the local entertainment scene plus up-to-date news on local transport. .

We want to drive our national service but the truth is that three times more people watch us locally than ever will watch us nationally. If it was the other way around we wouldn't have a business," Mr

MacKenzie admits. Live, which is part of the Mirror Group, publishers of The Mirror and Sunday Mirror, plans to continue expanding. Next year the channel wants to open local stations in Wolverhampton, Nomingham. Leicester and possibly Oxford.

In 2000 we will have 20 stations and 20 streams of revenue, although Live will still be the backbone for the other half hour." Live has also been given the job of selling local advertising for a number of cable companies including Telewest and Mr MacKenzie expects revenues to rise to £13

million next year. At a time when Live has been expanding, the other

least on the city television network, "The problem for us is in encouraging local advertisers to understand there's a price less than half that of newspaper or radio advertising and they will get a substantial return," he says.

Mr MacKenzie is convinced from his days editing The Sun that television is the most cable-only news channel. Channel One, has been repowerful advertising medium. trenching or at the least trying to address the market in a

At The Sun I was both a half-wit and a genius. I was a half-wit when sales were wallowing around 3.5 million and then when I went on TV with bingo and sales shot up over 4 million I was a genius. I put that down to the power of television," says Mr MacKenzie, who can now offer local advertising spots at £20 or £25.

Recently, Mr MacKenzie said a local Birmingham businessman appeared to do a crazy thing - he spent £2.000 advertising jet skis on the local Live service. "He sold ten. It was frankly unbelievable to me," Mr MacKenzie admits.

Now the managing director of Mirror Television is thinking of removing the risk for some local advertisers. If someone says they have ten caravans to sell we will say give us £6,000 and we will runs the adverts until we have sold all ten so that puts the pressure on us. So if in 12

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The Government was struggling to rescue Northern Ireland's fragile peace talks last night after a 400lb bomb exploded in the tiny County Armagh town of Markethill.

The Ulster Unionist Party, which was close to joining the Stormont peace process, immediately blamed the IRA for the attack, in which nobody was injured, and demanded that Sinn Fein, be expelled from the talks... . Page 1

Princess's bodyguard able to talk

The bodyguard who survived the crash that killed Diana. Princess of Wales, has spoken for the first time after a rapid improvement in his condition, French hospital officials said yesterday. Police were on hand at La Pitié-Salpêtrière hospital when Trevor Rees-Jones, 29, uttered his first words. His immediate family were also there....

Blair cuts pay rise

Tony Blair moved to defuse a growing row over public sector pay yesterday by announcing he would forgo a £40,000 salary rise and would take an inflationlinked increase... ...Page 2

Parents complain

Complaints from parents whose children have been refused places at the schools of their choice have risen by 50 per cent, the local government watchdog warned yesterday .. . Page 4

Horror is academic

Real art can never be immoral. With this defence, the Royal Academy of Arts was unrepentant yesterday about its decision to exhibit a portrait of murderess

Myra Hindley.... Roadside drug tests

Plans for roadside drug tests of motorists are being studied by the Department of Transport and senior police. A trial could start within rune months...... Page 6

Battle for heroes

The site of the first D-Day assault in France saw a less heroic skirmish yesterday over plans to close a museum commemorating thePage 7

Welsh jobs 'at risk'

Wales would lose thousands of jobs if voters rejected an assembly in tomorrow's referendum. Peter Hain, a Welsh Office Minister, claimed yesterdayPage 8

Growing pains

Children as young as five are to have lessons in "psychological healthcare" to help them to cope with the stresses of modern life, from bullying to divorce.. Page 9 Battle of dung hill

A farmer who blocked public footpaths with tons of manure was fined £500 and ordered to pay costs of £3,500 yesterday for "blatantly flouting" the rights of

Wanted: judge

A Tennessee judge who sexually assaulted at least five women in chambers was on the run from the law yesterday. His disappearance resulted in a national manhunt in America

Mir near-miss

The crew of the Russian space station Mir prepared for an emergency evacuation earlier this week during a near-miss in space. officials said

Japanese first

Sadako Ogata, the popular head of the United Nations refugee agency, is being tipped to become the first deputy secretary-general of the UN.

Congo boom

Four months after driving the despotic Mobutu Sese Seko from power the government of the renamed Democratic Republic of the Congo has worked economic

Blind man 'finds' Tsar's lost library

An elderly and blind Moscow pensioner claims to have solved one of Russia's most enduring historical riddles: the whereabouts of Ivan the Terrible's secret library, hidden under the Kremlin for more than four centuries. According to Tass. Apalos Ivanov, 87, has asked the Mayor of Moscow to fund an archaeological team to find the libraryPage 11



Queen Beatrix and members of the Dutch royal family wave to crowds after she delivered her "speech from the throne" yesterday

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Economy: Government borrowing remained tightly under control in August leaving the Treasury well on target...

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Football: Teddy Sheringham has recovered more quickly than expected from a rib injury and may be in Manchester United's side for the Champions' League match against Kosice....

Rugby union: Clive Woodward was confirmed as full-time coach of the England team. Roger Uttley will be team manager and will share selection duties...... Page 48

Golf: Miguel Angel Martin, who has threatened legal action over his omission from the Ryder Cup, withdrew from the British Masters because of his continuing wrist .. Page 46

Rugby league: Shaun Edwards and Martin Offiah are in the Great Britain training squad for the series against AustraliaPage 45

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Pop concert Monaco packs an emotional punch at their gig in Wolverhampton, even though the audience was a little thin on the

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Wales's week

The manner in which Labour is making its pitch in Wales does not altogether inspire confidence. The case is not conclusive. But, on bal-. ance, it is persuasive. Wales should accept this imperfect improvement in its governmentPage 19

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American conservatism requires a rather broader base than the White South and evangelical Protestants; It might control Congress but cannot command the country one-that narrow stance......

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Indonesia's failure to exploit its tropical forests sensibly and sustainably is part of a wider syndrome: that of the crony capitalism ____ whose corrupt webs of influence are damaging the credibility of the Suharto regime.... Page 19

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Tomorrow Wales is being offered in marriage to the village idiot, take it or leave it ..

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I shouldn't want my descendants to wake some far morning to banner headlines shricking "Lord Mayor's Banquet Devastated by Gumbo Coren, Hundreds Rushed to Intensive Care"...

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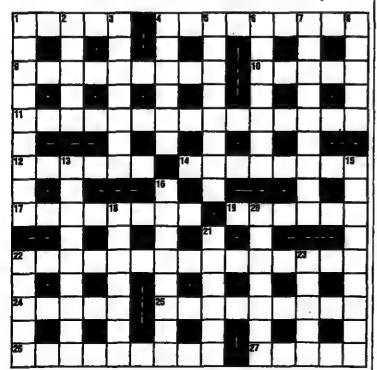
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This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 21% of the contestants in the 1997 Times Crossword Championship.

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- officer? (9).
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25 Woman cuddling baby, eating a hot snack (9).

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- 27 Hard work, writing solution finally where it goes (5).

- As example, press service on me, needing help to get up (4,5). 2 Bought and sold in trade alternately (5).
- 3 Criminal record -- copper at first runs over it (7). 4 How one calls for the men in white coats? (6).
- 5 Spleen is always bright red in-ternally, showing singular deficiency (8). 6 She finds honour among spies (?). 7 Numb from cold (9).
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- 21 Flogged as criminal (6).
- 22 Long line in factory (5). 23 Pet (unfed?) pounces on one wild creature (5). Times Two Crossword, page 48

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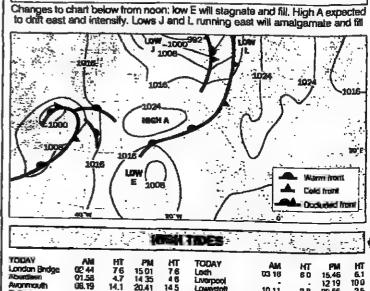
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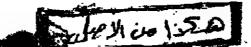
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 1997

IMF tells Europe to copy UK economic policies

THE International Monetary Fund will today give warning that Europe risks "undermining" public sup-port for a single currency unless it embraces radical labour market reforms along British lines.

In an unusually strongly worded attack, the IMF will argue that the Europen Union must move quickly to tackle its "dismal" unemployment problem or will leave the region facing years of weak economic growth.

But the IMF, which is holding its annual meeting here this week, praises Britain for its comprehensive programme of reform. It predicts that the British economy will enjoy a soft landing next year and welcomes the Government's decision to grant independence to the Bank of England.

The Fund argues in its latest World Economic Outlook that ss trance and German take significant steps to make labour markets more flexible,

> 6 If EMU is not -accompanied by further progress with

structural reforms and fiscal consolidation. there are likely to be serious consequences

for Europe 🤊 World Economic Ontlock

unemployment will remain at postwar peaks and perhaps even rise further. Europewide, it predicts that unemployment will fall only marginally to il per cent next year from about 11.25 per cent now. In a scathing passage on

Europe's failure to tackle its unemployment problem, the accuses continental European governments of giving in to public pressure to maintain generous employment and income protection. The report says: The gradual approach favoured by many governments often leaves particular groups with the impression that they are being unfairly targeted."

A failure to tackle labour market reform and reduce unemployment is likely to result in higher taxation and reduce the scope to cut public spending over the medium term. The IMF concludes that this in all likelihood will permit only modest growth of output and real incomes". The

Outlook also calls for a redoubling of efforts to cut European budget deficits. It says Germany. France and Italy are likely to exceed the Maastricht treaty's limits on deficits unless further measures are

A failure to meet the criteria could have grave consequences for monetary union.
"If EMU is not accompanied by further progress with structural reforms and fiscal consolidation, there are likely to be serious consequences for Europe, and other regions are likely to bear part of the cost." says the IMF.

It adopts a more sanguine view on Britain's economic prospects, claiming that the economy is likely to slow to a more sustainable rate due to the strength of sterling, increases in interest rates and further efforts to tackle the budget deficit. In contrast to many coun

tries on the Continent, Britain has enjoyed a sharp fall in unemployment — to 5.5 per cent in July from a peak of more than 10 per cent in 1993 - and the IMF predicts unemployment will fall further to 5 per cent by next year.

The Fund clearly does not share the fears of many commentators in Britain that the combination of an appreciating currency and higher interest rates is going to tip the economy back into recession. It is predicting a slowdown in growth from 3.3 per cent this year to a respectable 2.6 per cent next year. Since its last World Economic Outlook in May, which predates the four interest rate rises, it has revised its growth projections

down only slightly. The IMF applauds the decision by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, to give operational independence over interest rates to the Bank of England. Current policies "appear well geared to alleviate inflationary pressures but will need to pay close attention to signs of excessive strength in domestic

The Fund also takes a relatively positive view of the recent crisis in Far Eastern markets, arguing that "there are reasons to believe that the currency turbulence will eventually wane without greatly damaging the region's long-

Even Thailand, which recently benefited from a \$17 billion IMF and Asian rescue plan, should return to a longterm growth trend after a temporary slowdown.



forms went awry. Rami, a 26-year-old elephant hired as an aide memoire, ate a self-assessment form proffered by a tax inspector. And, as the three-tonne beast made her exit, the self-assessment bus crashed in to a stone bollard at the gate to the Revenue's offices in Somerset House, London. So far only 3.3 million out of 8 million have returned their forms

Boler back as chief quits at Limelight

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

LIMELIGHT, the struggling kitchens and bathhave fallen nearly 80 per cent since it floated a year ago, has parted company with its chief executive and is to see Stephen Boler, the Cheshire entrepreneur who

turn as an adviser.

Andrew Stanaway, man-aging director of Sharps, the fitted bedrooms business, Lunskey, managing director

also sit on the committee. up 2p yesterday at 37¹2p. They were floated at 175p.

Tesco's slice of grocery market grows

rooms group whose shares

put the group together, re-

Stephen Cotter's resignation as chief executive comes less than a week after Limelight reported a sharp fall in first-half profits and gave warning that the full-year outcome will be well below forecasts. Although he has been with the company for only two years, his loss-ofoffice compensation is expected to reach £350,000.

has been made group managing director. He will sit on an advisory committee with Mr Boler, who made £60 million from selling 43 per cent of the business at flotation and who still owns 17 per cent of it. Andrew Thorras, chairman, and Peter of the kitchens business, will

Mr Boler, who runs a game park in Africa and rarely visits Britain, is not expected to take an executive role again, and Mr Thomas said that he did not expect him to try to return the company to private ownership. Limelight shares closed

Pearson casts its eye over the makers of Baywatch

By Eric Reguly and Oliver August

PEARSON, the media group, talks with Ali American Communications, the makers of Baywatch, the television show that launched the career of Parnela Anderson.

Pearson refused to comment on takeover rumours, but an official admitted that the company was familiar with All American. It is known that Greg Dyke, the head of Pearson TV, wants to expand the group's TV production arm.

He examined All American company, were among the last year and decided that the contenders for All American. be more than £200 million, was too expensive.

All American is now officialfor sale and appears anxious to open talks with all potential suitors.

The Hollywood Reporter, the trade magazine seen as a bible in the entertainment industry, revealed that Pear-son and Live Entertainment, an independent American film

The magazine raised the possiblity of a joint bid. Goldman Sachs, the investment bank, is acting as All

American's sales agent. Anthony Scotti, chairman and chief executive, has a controlling stake in All American. While Baywatch is All American's top show, it produces or distributes 100 programmes. including The Price Is Right and The Newlywed Game.

Soros's manager shares £1bn fees

By Oliver August AND PAUL DURMAN

NICHOLAS RODITI, the north London fund manager, has shared El billion of fees with George Soros over the past five years from running a highly successful investment

Mr Roditi runs the Quota Fund, a spin-off of Mr Soros's famous Quantum Fund, which was involved in toppling the pound on Black Wednesday in 1992.

The Quota Fund has net assets of \$2.4 billion (£1.5 bilion) and holds leveraged trading positions worth \$57 billion, according to Wall Street reports. Return on capital last year last year topped 50 per cent, after reaching 150 per cent in 1995. Mr Soros's latest annual re-

port shows that a minimum investment of \$100,000 in Mr Roditi's fund in 1992 would now be worth \$750,000. The report discloses that the fund has paid \$1.65 billion in fees, shared between Mr Roditi and

Mr Roditi runs Quota single handed from a Hampstead office filled with modern art. Recently, Mr Roditi made a complex \$38 billion bet that the dollar will appreciate against other currencies. He

also wagered \$13 billion on the fall of bonds in Asia. Mr Roditi does not give interviews and guards his privacy. He is 52 and was born in Zimhahwe, then Rhodesia. He came to Britain in the late 1960s and joined Schroders, the merchant bank, before moving on to work with Jacob Rothschild. In a rare public move, he joined

Rupert Pennant-Rea, former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, with whom he went to school, to take control of Plantation & General, a small quoted company owning African plantations.

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Treasury well placed to meet PSBR target

By Alasdair Murray, Economics correspondent

GOVERNMENT borrowing remained tightly under control in August, leaving the Treasury well placed to meet its full-year target.

The public sector borrowing requirement in August totalled £1.14 billion, £3 billion lower than in the same month last year. The cumulative deficit for the first five months of the year now stands at £6.6 billion (£15.1 billion).

The significantly better than expected figures prompted a the gap in price with German bonds closing to a three-year low of about 125 basis points.

Total tax receipts rose 18 per cent over last year, boosted by strong tobacco revenue as manufacturers increased production to avoid the duty rises in the July Budget. As a result Customs and Excise receipts reached a record high of £9.2

billon, while income tax continued to grow strongly.

Government spending also remained under control with

departmental outlays falling 2 per cent year-on-year. Core spending is running around 1.3 per cent lower than in August last year. Economists said the latest im-

provement leaves the PSBR comfortably on target to meet the official forecast of £11 billion. Dharshini David, UK economist at HSBC, added that it would still be extremely difficult for the Government to stick to its "stringent" spending targets over the next two years.

☐ Commonwealth finance ministers meeting in Mauritius yesterday gave strong support to Gordon Brown's plans to speed up debt relief for developing countries.

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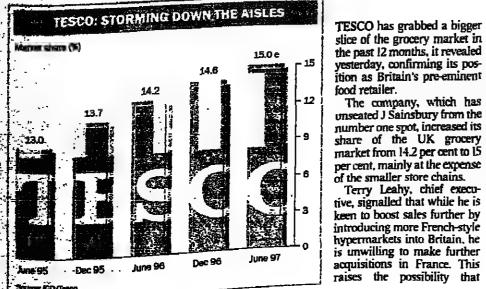
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By Sarah Cunningham TESCO has grabbed a bigger Tesco will sell the Normandybased Catteau chain that it slice of the grocery market in

yesterday, confirming its position as Britain's pre-eminent food retailer. The company, which has

unseated J Sainsbury from the number one spot, increased its share of the UK grocery market from 14.2 per cent to 15 per cent, mainly at the expense of the smaller store chains. Terry Leahy, chief executive, signalled that while he is

the past 12 months, it revealed bought four years ago. Mr Leahy said Catteau's performance, with flat like-for-like sales, had "We

been disappointing. wanted to buy a bigger business but the prices don't make economic sense," he said. He ruled out a counter bid for Casino, the French supermarket chain.

Group like-for-like sales grew 6 per cent in the first half and are currently ahead by 8 per cent. The strong trading performance pushed Tesco's pre-tax profit up 6.1 per cent. to £346 million, in the six months to August 9. It will

pay an interim dividend of 3.55p (3.25p). The group is increasing

competition in the personal finance arena by launching its first instant access savings account with the high rate of 6.5 per cent. Plans are afoot to introduce more non-food items, such as clothing, CDs, books and electrical goods. into the stores, particularly Tesco Extra hypermarkets. There is currently just one, at Pitsea in Essex, and two more are due to open soon. Planning permission is being sought to extend some existing

stores to hypermarket size.

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Results for the year ended 30 June 1997

The Group continues successfully to pursue a strategy of controlled expansion through organic growth. acquisitions and investment in capital projects.

Our new management structure has proven to be successful, and we continue to improve the quality of

Earnings per share before exceptional items grew by 18% to 26.3p. Free cash flow after all outgoings other than acquisitions was a record £78.4 million.

Major developments

Continuing organic growth has included the expansion of existing business and the winning of major new contracts, some of which will not contribute to profits until the new financial year. The most significant new agreements were with Shell and BP to distribute nonpetroleum products sold in their forecourt shops.

Acquisitions have strengthened the Group's presence in several markets. The most significant of these were in Mail Services - where the acquisition of ICS for £65 million broadened the range of services offered to include pre-9.00 a.m. delivery - and in Logistics on the Continent, where the acquisition of FDS and Heijden for £93 million made Hays the leading distributor of consumer goods in France and Holland.

Prospects

The year has started well, with Hays in a strong position to expand organically and to take advantage of acquisition opportunities as they occur.

DISTRIBUTION



Good performance in UK and French Logistics helped offset negative currency factors and a decline in Chemical Distribution.

COMMERCIAL



An excellent year, with accelerated growth from Hays DX and aboveanticipated results from the ICS acquisition.

PERSONNEL



An excellent year, with strong growth in sales, profits and margins in all major businesses.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

	1996	1997	%Change
Turnover	£966.0m	£1,129.8m	+17
Profit before tax*	£132.0m	£155.3m	+18
Earnings per ordinary share	* 22.3p	26.3p	+18
Net dividend per share	8.1p	9.3p	+15
*before exceptional items			

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International postal rules revamp urged

night that unless there was wholesale reform of rules governing international postal services it would lose out to the Dutch, US and other foreign post offices, with business

The Post Office wants reform as part of its drive to become one of the new breed of cross-border companies that will dominate the worldwide postal industry.
The Government is plan-

ning to give the Post Office the commercial freedom it has long sought. But the Post Office's call last night has opened a new front in its campaign for liberalisation by seeking the reform of the

Telecoms

regulator

seeks

shake-up

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

DON CRUICKSHANK, the

telecoms regulator, yesterday called for changes to the law

leading to a single regulator for the telecoms, broadcasting

in a response to the Govern-

ment's review of regulation.

Mr Cruickshank's comments

are at odds with the views of

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, who had

said that the review should not

address the establishment of

Ofcom — an office of communication embracing Oftel and

the Independent Television

Mr Cruickshank said: "The

old term telecommunications

is fast becoming redundant.

We are rapidly entering a world in which telecoms,

broadcasting and IT are becoming indistinguishable and will revolutionise the way

voice, pictures and data are

delivered over networks. I

believe the Government needs

to move as quickly as possible

to introduce legislation which

sets out a framework for

regulating this complex com-

Mr Cruickshank, whose

contract expires at the end of

March, said the regulator

should be replaced with a

commission to make decisions

more accountable and more

transparent. He also wants

the Government to take direct

responsibility for social policy

SIR Mark Weinberg's life assurance company, J Roth-

schild Assurance Holdings

(JRAH), yesterday unveiled a

robust set of results — the first

since its reverse takeover of its

munications market."

and multimedia arena. His call for urgent action is agreed rules governing postal Indian Post Office refunding system of countries around the

Since 1874, countries' postal services have co-operated in the Universal Postal Union (UPU), a UN agency since 1948. UPU maintains agreements binding in international law on how 189 national postal systems work together.

Charges for postal services between countries, called terminal dues, are settled by the UPU system, which allows developing countries low-cost access to world postal delivery Under the terminal dues

system, for example, a letter posted in India to the UK costs the equivalent of 18p, with the

to the UK Royal Mail 3.5p of the 22p it costs the Royal Mail to deliver it in Britain.

Britain's Post Office said last night that reform of the UPU system was long overdue, adding that such subsidies were now costing UK postal users anything up to £60 million each year.

Addressing the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, Tim Walsh, the Royal Mail's international affairs director, said that stronger postal systems like that of the UK needed to be better represented within the UPU

Mail production was becoming international as companies became global concerns, he said, citing as examples BT's Friends and Family mailshots, which are printed in America, Heinz's direct marketing material, which is produced in Spain, and the decision by Book Club Associates to concentrate their mailing from France.

He said: "Only by following our customers overseas will Royal Mail be able to keep these types of accounts."

Its goal now was to become "one of the new breed of international postal companies", which would require it to be able to strike new commercial relationships with other postal services and other firms.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Apple names Jobs as temporary chief

APPLE COMPUTER Corp has named its co-founder Stave Jobs as interim chief executive officer, two months after Gil Amelio resigned. Apple expects to name a new CEO by the year's end. Mr Jobs, a newly appointed board member, has been serving as an adviser to Apple's board and executive management team for several months.

Apple shares showed a slight gain after the news, trading at \$22 (£13.50) a share, up 50 cents. Mr Amelio was ousted in July after leading Apple for 17 months but failing to stem the flow of red ink at the ailing company based Cupertino, California. At last week's meeting, the board also met with its executive recruiter. John Thompson of Heidrick & Struggles, to review its search for a CEO. It was the board's first face-toface meeting since the new board members were named last month at MacWorld. Apple stunned the computer world and Wall Street in August when it accepted an investment of \$150 million from its long-time rival Microsoft Corp.

Premier Oil surges

A SURGE in profits at Premier Oil surprised the City and added 4 per cent to the value of the oil exploration company. Premier's net profit after tax for the six months to June 30 was £26.1 million (£19.1 million) after a 65 per cent boost in oil and gas production to 46,700 barrels per day. Three discoveries in the first half out of eight wells drilled should contribute some ten million barrels towards Premier's target of 40 million barrels of new reserves by the end of next year. Tempus, page 28

Best buy pensions call

THE Consumers' Association wants to see pensions assessed in the same way as fridges, with schemes being required to meet "best buy" criteria on charges, flexibility and performance. The association, publisher of Which? magazine, yesterday called for the establishment of a kitemark rating system for financial products such as pensions, personal equity plans and health insurance. The object would be to ensure that schemes offered basic features and standards.

Virgin's new group

VIRGIN has merged its retailing and cinema interests around the world to form the Virgin Entertainment Group. A credit facility of £150 million has been provided by Bankers Trust Co, which will be used to expand the UK cinema chain. double the size of the US Virgin Megastore chain and seek opportunities to open Virgin cinemas elsewhere in the world. The new group excludes Virgin's 25 per cent stake in WH Smith's Virgin Our Price retail operation in the UK.

Dorling dips to £10m

DORLING KINDERSLEY, the book and CD-Rom publisher, saw pre-tax profits fall from £12.9 million to £10.2 million in the year to June 30. The figure was struck before reorganisation costs of £2.5 million. The shares fell 142 p to 2702 p. The year's dividend remains 4.5p, out of earnings per share down from lip to 6p. Dorling said that continued expansion of direct sales operations would hold back profits and that the benefits of its reorganisation would not show through fully until 1999.

Pressure on generators

THE electricity pool, the controversial marketplace for power, is under pressure to revise some of its pricing mechanisms - the systems of payments that reward generators for keeping power stations available to run. Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator, has given warning that some of the payments, which add to the overall cost of electricity, may be too high because they assume that power stations are less reliable than they actually are.

Murray realisations leap

MURRAY VENTURES, the investment trust specialising in unlisted securities, has cut dividend growth as it starts to realise its assets. The £120 million trust is paying a final dividend of 11.05p, making a total for the year of 15.05p. This is just 3 per cent more than last year when it boosted dividends by 21.8 per cent. In recent years the trust has focused on high-yield-ing instruments as part of its investment in unquoted companies. Total realisations leapt 48 per cent to £15.7 million.

Colin Parson, left, and John Castle were delighted with a 43 per cent rise in profit

Taylor Woodrow builds on sector's turnaround

BY ADAM JONES

TAYLOR WOODROW, the property and construction cent in the first half of 1997. The rise included a return to profitability for its construction activities, which have suffered from the UK-wide siump in that sector.

Group pre-tax profits were £36.2 million, compared with £25.4 million in the same period last year.

Housing profits increased from £9.6 million to £16.4 in utilities by which some customers are subsidised at million. Taylor Woodrow the cost of others. He said: The regulator shouldn't be specialises in smart, inner city the decision-maker - that homes for professionals, such as the flats under construction should be the minister's role."

ing in more new business.

New regular premiums were

up 33 per cent for the interim

period to £30.5 million. New

single premiums rose 31 per

cent to £220 million. Assets

Weinberg delivers

robust results

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

near Tower Bridge, Central In the first half, 7!4 homes

were completed in the UK, against 599 in the same period of 1996. About 1,500 completions are expected for the full year. The average selling price in the UK increased from £79,500 to £93.700, powered by an increase in the size of homes sold.

Construction activities brought in a £1 million profit, turned round from a £1.2 million loss in the first half of 1996. The construction division is being reviewed by two teams of Taylor Woodrow

Receivers

confident of

Maples sale

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

RECEIVERS at Maples, the

furniture retailing business

that collapsed under the

weight of its debts this month,

hope to have identified a buyer

Roger Powdrill, of Deloitte

& Touche, said that talks are

going on with two or three

potential buyers willing to

take on the business as a going

concern. Companies thought

to be possible buyers include

Uno and DFS, both quoted

There has also been consid-

erable interest in buying indi-

vidual stores or groups of Maples stores. If a firm buyer

of the whole business is not

found, the receivers will begin

to sell off the 24-store chain in

made a profit since a manage-ment buyout from the Asda

group in 1993, have continued

to trade since the business

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went into receivership.

The stores, which have not

furniture retailers.

by the end of this week.

employees to improve margins "as a matter of urgency". and a report is due by the end of the year.

The company, whose chairman is Colin Parson and chief executive John Castle, said the conclusions would be "nothing too dramatic" and would instead look at how to concentrate on higher-margin business. Bolt-on acquisitions will be considered at Greenham Trading, the industrial merchanting and distribution business.

The interim dividend will be 1.25p, up 25 per cent. The shares closed 1½p up at 186p.

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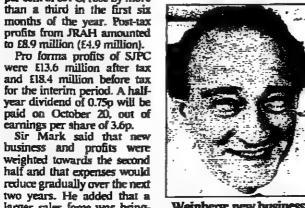
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Wider role seen for **BA's American link**

By Jon Ashworth

THE proposed alliance of British Airways and American Airlines could evolve into a far more sweeping arrangement, it was claimed vesterday.

Don Carty, president of AA, told a meeting in London that the BA-AA link-up was "a useful first step" towards sharing revenues beyond "gateways" such as Chicago and Heath-row to include feeder points. This could see BA profiting from internal US routes, and AA profiting from regional BA away from this. Mr Carty said: "We can

envisage ways in which we share more and more of the economic benefit." BA and AA have hitherto in-

dicated that profit-sharing will be limited to transatlantic routes. Mr Carty said that he remained hopeful that the alliance would proceed - as long as a commercially acceptable compromise could be agreed with competition authorities. He said: "As long as we see some forward momenturn, we're not going to walk

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ord MacLaurin of Kneb-worth must look back long-ingly on the days when he had only a supermarket business

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might decide that Lord Mac-

Laurin's strategies should not be

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their rival and the results are still being felt. Tesco can now comfortably claim to be the

country's biggest grocer, with 15 per cent of the market.

Remarkably, the company in-creased its like-for-like sales by

six per cent in the half year, gobbling business from the weaker brethren of the grocery

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plans for vigorous expansion organically and through acqui-sition (Dominic Walsh writes). The company spent £160 million on expansion in the past year, just over £100 million of it. on buying new businesses. It has already spent EIIO million on acquisitions since June.

HAYS, the business services

group that last year launched

an abortive £1.15 billion bid for

Christian Salvesen, is hatching

Ronnie Frost, chairman, dismissed suggestions of renewed interest in Salvesen, but said: "I'll spend as much as I need to buy the companies that we

of hunger for growth buy. I don't have any problem writing cheques and borrowing money."
His comments came as

Hays reported an 18 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £155.3 million in the year to June 30, on turnover up from £966 million to £1.13 billion. That excludes an exceptional charge of £7.5 million.

Pre-exceptional earnings per share rose 18 per cent to 26.3p. A final dividend of 6.3p is due on November 28, making 9.3p in total, up 15 per cent. Tempus, page 28

Curtains for the French window?

pany transformed and the indica-tions are that he has left in place a The product range is growing. and a push to larger stores on management that will build on his hypermarket lines will bring in achievements. But having secured more high margin lines. Astonhis energetic services to restore ishingly, Tesco now claims to our cricketing fortunes, the chaps who control the game do not seem have between 6 and 7 per cont of the total retail market in the UK. prepared to react to his ideas with But planning permissions are hard won and will not allow the the enthusiasm that was the norm company to maintain its growth rate in the UK. Sainsbury's If they could switch their minds from sport for a moment and look at the results that the development of its Savacentre hypermarket business has been grocer turned in yesterday, even pitifully slow, hampered by the the most sceptical cricket fan

> So Tesco has ventured overseas, first into France and then into central Europe. In Hungary and Poland, the locals have leapt at what their few new super-markets have to offer but in France, as the company confesses, sales have been static.

difficulty in gaining suitable

The French stores may, as Tesco insists, have provided a useful learning experience, but growth is what counts and that means expanding the business or quitting. Since prices for super-markets have reached astronomical levels, as demonstrated by the current bidding for Casino. Tesco would be well advised to take advantage of the market and bow out. It could put the proceeds to good use in



building on its lead in central

Terry Leahy, Lord Mac-Laurin's chosen successor at Tesco Towers in Cheshunt, has already won the confidence of analysts and investors. A decisive move on France would demonstrate that he has the flexibility to respond to a chang-

ing marketplace.
Lord MacLaurin must hope that he can encourage such responsiveness in cricket.

Ayling's next challenge

he planned get together of American Airlines and British Airways has been forced into the time scale of old fashioned courtships, under the surly chaperoning of the world's regulators, but as Dame Barbara Cartland would understand, the obstacles put in the couple's way seem only to have strengthened

their resolve. Yesterday's optimistic comments from AA underlined the huge potential that the two see for their partnership and, while code sharing is a useful start, the benefits from closer integration are infinitely preferable to both parties. Which is why Bob Ayling, the British Airways chief executive, will fight hard for the deal. And few would bet against him after his

recent demonstration of determination. After facing down the wrath of thousands of angry cabin crew and irate, luggageless, passengers, Mr Ayling is hardly likely to bow to the whim of regulators or the whinges of Richard Branson, who has railed against the partnership and can be guaranteed to continue to do so even as the rings are about to be exchanged.

Mr Ayling took much criticism for his handling of the BA industrial battle and has received few plaudits for the outcome, achieved during a period when

newspapers had their attentions

largely locused elsewhere. But the fact is that he believed he was fighting for the right to manage his business and he has

held on to that right. His threat to sue or dismiss staff who went on strike prompted accusations of the worst kind of macho-management and the dispute has undoubtedly been costly for BA. But fellow captains of industry were privately egging on Ayling, fear-iul of the impact on their own companies if he had been seen to bow to the unions. Attempting to save face, the

union, Bassa, claims credit for seriously disrupting BA, even if most of the impact was caused by 2,000 staff who fell conveniently ill. But the overall result is that BA gets its £42 million cabin crew cost-savings and the free-dom to change working practices which will be worth far more than the estimated £125 million cost of the strike.

Ayling has won the battle and deserves credit for it, but the toughest task may yet lie ahead. Macho management leaves scars and morale among BA's 60,000-strong workforce is badly battered.

A little TLC may be what is required if passengers are not to feel the knock-on effects of his determination to win.

Pay tests ahead for the iron Chancellor

ordon Brown is beginning to look like the meanest inhabitant of 11 Downing Street for decades. He has clamped down on public expenditure with the full force of a Scot intent on treating the public purse as his own. A 2.7 per cent decline in net spending by government departments during August command with a year earlier took compared with a year earlier took the City pleasantly by surprise yesterday as the latest PSBR figures came in well below

expectations.

But while he is prudently conserving funds for the future, there remain doubts over how long the Government can maintain such a tight-fisted stance. While Tony Blair may have seen the wisdom of turning down a hefty pay rise, other public sector employees would leap at the loot, were it to be on offer.

The first of the pay demands from the public sector unions are

from the public sector unions are now landing, and the figures involved are going to get larger. When private sector pay, particularly in the upper regions, has been increasing at significantly above inflation, it is not going to prove easy to keep the clamps on doctors, nurses and the like.

Having declared itself bound by Kenneth Clarke's spending plans, but then encountering a higher than expected rate of inflation, the Government finds itself in a straitjacket, which its supporters,

particularly in the trades unions, may find difficult to countenance. The marker's appreciative re-action to yesterday's figures was understandable, but the real tests of Mr Brown's resolve are just

Got it made

THE Design Council will today launch its drive to find Millennium Products. Nearly E4 million of government money has apparently been earmarked to slap this label on the best of British design. What will qualify for this naff sounding designa-tion, and why, remains to be explained. The only certainly is that somewhere in the Far East they are already working on a suitable logo to put on a range of naff plastic products.

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Scotia to get \$54m in drug licensing deal

BY PAUL DURMAN

drug development company, is poised to receive \$54 million (£33.6 million) from two large pharmaceutical companies that are acquiring the marketing rights to Foscan, Scotia's

innovative cancer drug.
The licensing deals with Boehringer Ingelheim of Germany and Kyowa Hakko of Japan are a rare piece of good news this year for the biotechnology sector, which has been hit by a series of dis-

Scotia will receive about half of the \$54 million up front and the rest as milestone payments dependent on the com-pletion of Foscan's development and commercialisation. Boehringer Ingelheim will have the rights to Europe and the Americas, while Kyowa Hakko will have the rights to Japan. Together, they expect to spend a further \$50 million completing work on Foscan. including testing the drug in the main cancers of the lung. prostate and oesophagus.

SCOTIA HOLDINGS, the drug development company, the world, will continue to is poised to receive \$54 million fund the current phase 3 trials of the drug in head and neck and laryngeal cancers.
Foscan's attraction is that its

use can avoid the serious side effects of chemotherapy and the trauma of surgery. Scotia said researchers from University College London will tomorrow give a briefing on the "excellent" results they have achieved using Foscan to treat cancers of the mouth. David Horrobin, Scotia's

chief executive, estimates that two million patients a year in the US, Europe and Japan contract cancers potentially treatable by Foscan. Erling Refsum, the Yamaichi analyst, believes Foscan could eventu ally achieve annual sales of £1 billion. Dr Horrobin said Scotia expects manufacturing profits to give it a 25 per cent share of sales. He hopes to secure the first regulatory

approvals by the end of 1999. Shares in Scotia yesterday rose 332p to 3722p, still far below this year's peak of 735p.

Revamp of Rexam lifts on products 'valueless' its shares

By CHRIS AYRES

Scotia, which retains the

SHARES in Rexam, the struggling paper and packaging group, rose 17p to 3272 p yesterday, as the City signalled approval of the company's radical restructuring plan. Rexam shares have fallen

in the past 18 months from 521p to 2262p as raw materials prices rose sharply. Some analysts now consider the shares undervalued. Rexam has sold 17 busi-

nesses, raising nearly £100 million, with three more divisions expected to go this year. The shake-up has brought the resignation of Kevin Abbott, director responsible for food packaging, and the appointment of five new directors. In the half to June 30, re-

structuring appears to have helped, with pre-tax profits up from £83 million to £92 million, and sales up slightly from £946 million to £952 million. Earnings per share rose by 9 per cent, to 12.1p. An unchanged total interim dividend of 6.lp is due on September 30. of 33p is due on November 20.

Warranties

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

AN increasing number of product warranties are leavbecause they involve no insurance cover. Martin Copley. chairman of Domestic & General, the insurer, said. Retailers were switching to nonmaintenance schemes to avoid insurance premium tax, he added.

Last November's Budget lifted IPT on policies sold through retailers from 25 per cent to 17.5 per cent. All other insurance pays 4 per cent. Mr Copley said that the new schemes left consumers unprotected if the manufacturer or retailer went under. Hundreds of thousands were left empty-handed with the failures of Colorvision and Ascom, the computer manufacturer, in the past two years.

D&G's turnover in the year to June 30 grew 13.6 per cent to £84.2 million, pushing pretax profits up 12 per cent to E12.7 million. A final dividend

Hays chairman tells

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Investors follow Buffett and switch into bonds

INVESTORS on both sides of the Atlantic were following the lead of Warren Buffett, one of America's wealthiest men, by switching out of equities and into bonds.

US Treasury bonds led Wall Street sharply higher last night with gains of more than \$1 on the back of subdued consumer prices. Government securities in London also scored gains stretching to almost E2. with traders swamped by a wave on institu-

tional buying.

The billionaire's move to buy more than £6 billion worth of bonds was reported exclusively in yesterday's editions of The Times. It was seen as a defensive action before a mafor correction for the Dow Jones industrial average.

Mr Buffett is highly regarded among New York's investing fraternity and his move is certain to be followed in other quarters. But there is already evidence to suggest that investors have begun moving out of increasingly volatile equity markets and into the safe havens of fixed interest stocks.

In July, Merrill Lynch concluded in its first Gallup survey of institutional investors worldwide that a move out of equities was slowly gathering pace. Merrill has also forecast a 25 per cent fall in the Dow Jones some time next year after its heady gains over the past 18 months.

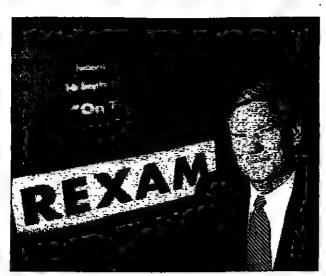
Salomon Brothers has also said that the fall in the US could be as much as 40 per cent, which would have serious repercussions for other financial markets.

But there was little evidence yesterday to indicate that share prices are about to plunge. An early fall in London of almost 26 points was quickly wiped out as the lower than expected PSBR allayed any remaining fears about a possible rise in interest rates. This, combined with those opening gains in New York, enabled London to close just below its best of the day with a rise in the FTSE 100 index of 73 5 at 4.976.4.

Total turnover of 770 million shares was a little disappointing. Traders appear anxious to keep level books before today's expiry of the September traded options and in

future on Friday.

Some of the recent bid speculation in EMI showed signs of boiling over, with the price ending just 24p firmer at 609 p in a rising market.



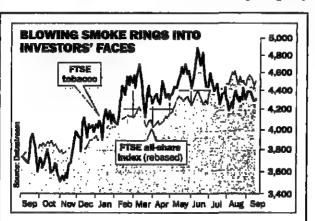
Rolf Borjesson, of Rexam, saw the share price increase

Talk of a bid from Seagrams, of Canada, has been rife. But yesterday Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull took some of the steam out of things by cutting its profit forecast for the current year by £15 million

to £360 million. National Power fell 7p to 5722 p and PowerGen 132p to 777p. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, upgraded its recommendation for the shares of

BICC from a "sell" to a "hold". It takes the view the fall in the price from a peak of 352p last year to a low 145p last week has probably been overdone. Lord Harris of Peckham has

The price closed off lp at 150p. been buying more shares in Carpetright. The carpet retailer shot up 19p to 531 2p after it emerged that he and Martin Harris, his son, had splashed out £771,500, picking up



SHARES in the three quoted tobacco companies remain under the cloud of litigation, which threatens to engulf them for sometime to come. President Clinton is said to have reservations about the £220 billion settlement thrashed out by US cigarette producers and lawyers representing Medicaid.

Jerry Gallagher, at Dresdner Kleinwort Bencould be after Christmas before the whole issue goes before Congress. As a result, sentiment among British tobacco

companies hangs heavy. Mr Gallagher says reassur ingly: "Imperial and Gallaher have been unfairly tarnished with the US litigation risk, but longer term should provide useful rewards for investors."

BAT Industries, unchanged at 519p, with a direct interest in the US, has has fallen from a peak of 585p, Imperial was 2½p firmer at 384p, while ahead of interim figures today expected to show premillion, before £7 million of demerger costs.

150,000 shares. It takes Lord Harris's total to 12.3 million. or 15.46 per cent. His son now owns 183,094 shares.

The news that Tesco, up 54p at 44l4p, has increased its market share took the edge off some of the earlier gains achieved by its main rivals. Asda finished 24p firmer at J48¾p, while J Sainsbury hardened 12p to 4272p and Kwik Save put on 4p at 345p. Rexam, of which Rolf

Borjesson is chief executive, rose 17p to 3272p after confirmation its disposal programme was on target for its June deadline. The group had sold off 17 of the 20 businesses earmarked for disposal.

British Aerospace respond-

ed to upbeat comments from brokers with a rise of 82p to £16.512. Tracker Network was lifted 30p to 675p. Last week Tracker and Trafficmaster, 4p lower at 38lp, announced they were in merger talks. Now talk suggests that terms for Tracker could be pitched in excess of 800p a share, which would value the business. Such a deal would put a price tag on the combined group of more than £150

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices in London took their lead from US Treasury bonds and the better than expected US consumer price figures. Sentiment was also bolstered by a sharp fall in the PSBR.

Prices at the longer end in London surged by almost £2 as institutional buyers came flooding in.

The strength of the market enabled the Bank of England to issue further tranches of stock. This included £100 million of Treasury index-linked 2½ per cent 2016 and £100 million of Treasury indexlinked 2½ per cent 2024. Both tranches were sold out. The Bank has also an-

nounced two auctions next week. The first on Tuesday, consists of £1.5 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2002 and on Thursday £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2021.

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£117 10 as the total number of contracts completed soared to 138,000. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £12732 at Eli34. While in shorts. Tre sury 8 per cent 2000 was £12 rallied higher by midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 72.33 points to 7,793.47.

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Not Premier class

WHY has no one bid for Premier Oil? This diminutive exploration company, valued at a mere £450 million has just produced a half year net profit of £26 million, as much as Lasmo produced in the same period but the market reckons Lasmo is worth 52.5 billion. Meanwhile, the departure of Rick Haythornthwaite leaves the board looking a little vulnerable. and some reckon that Premier's burgeoning cash flow provides the basis for a rerun of the Gulf Canada/Clyde Petroleum battle.

If bidders are not hovering, there is good reason. Premier's assets are attractive but they are hardly scarce. A stake in Premier's Wytch Farm could probably be acquired at the right price from any of Premier's partners; likewise Texaco's Yetagun stake is already on the block thanks to the Burmese boycott campaigners in the US, and Burmah Castrol is selling a piece

of Qadipur in Pakistan, another Premier location. That leaves little reason to pay a premium for Premier.

But if the bid premium is dubious, the real question relates to valuing the assets. Premier's recent exploration success after years of failure is to be commended, but its accounting policies are less impressive. Instead of writing off failed exploration costs immediately, a policy used by Enterprise and Lasmo, known as "successful efforts", the investment is capitalised in a cost pool until Premier decides to abandon a project. Out of fixed assets of £470 million, some £155 million is believed by analysts to be non-amortised, one reason why the profits look good. Premier's net asset value is reckoned to be about 35p, leaving a bidder little reason to pay more than the market price. Neither should you.

Delta

DELTA shareholders have watched the stock consistently underperform. With yesterday's announcement that 35 per cent of the engineering group, calculated by turnover, is likely to be sold, they will be asking whether the price is at its nadir.

on high-growth areas, such as

electrical circuit breakers. Jon

Scott-Maxwell, the new chief

executive, has cherry picked

the best of the cables, the fire-

resistant ones for instance.

leaving a bundle of low-

growth low-margin busi-

nesses. This could make a

sale to a single buyer difficult.

Delta will do well to make a

profit, although it says its

balance sheet is strong

challenging, with some rays of light on the Continent. The company has been split into five divisions. Two of these, cables and copper materials, do not fit into the gameplan of concentrating

The strong pound affects Delta after a six-month de-

enough for it to wait and pick

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should not stray too far from

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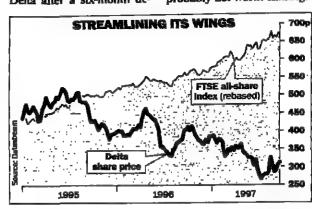
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though Delta admits that

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the right time to divest.

lay, so second-half profits will take a £6 million hit. This may be mitigated by improvement in the building sector, which remained flat for the first half of the year, leading to a dip in profits at the plumbing division. Currency effects should ease next year. With a p/e of about 12 or 13, it is not expensive, but probably not worth chasing.



Hays

"RONNIE FROST and his three-legged stool" may sound like a music hall farce, but it is rapidly becoming one of the stock market's class acts.

Frost runs Hays, a business services group that he divides into three parts: distribution, personnel and commercial, and yesterday a relaxed Frost remained unperturbed when brokers sold the shares despite a solid 18 per cent rise in taxable profits and a bullish statement from the chairman. The problem is that Mr ost keeps delivering profits ing in line with analysis" timates, prompting some ofit-taking.

There was some disappointent when last year's appach to Christian Salvesen iled to deliver another leg to e stool, but the mix of organrowth and well-focused naller acquisitions since then has provided impressive growth. In particular, July's £13 million purchase of Paperstream, which provides invoicing and payment pro-cessing, is one to watch. Distribution, notably in Germany, continues to be a slight drag, but the pan-European network that Hays has set up looks well placed to gain from economic recovery. Pretax profits this year of £185 million would put Hays on a lofty multiple of almost 21 times earnings, but on the latest evidence Ronnie Frost and his three-legged stool are an act worth backing.

Scotia

AFTER last week's débacle at Biocompatibles International, Scotia Holdings provided some much-needed relief for the biotechnology sector. Substantial companies such as Boehringer Ingelheim and Kyowa Hakko would not pay Scotia \$54 million, nearly half of it upfront, unless they were confident of the potential of Foscan, the British company's light-activated cancer drug. Foscan is Scotia's most impressive drug -

even more so after this year's setback with Tarabetic, its treatment for the nerve disease associated with diabetes. Researchers at University College London have taken it up enthusiastically - Scotia promises a bulletin on the latest "excellent" results from UCL temorrow.

Optimists reckon Scotia could be making £250 million or more from Foscan by 2015. That sounds premature -Scotia and its partners still have to obtain regulatory approval. Even so, yesterday's 334p rise in Scotia's share price to 372½p looks miserly. The company suffers from a more outré repuiation than other biotech sector leaders, partly because of its expertise in lipid technology, an area that others regard with suspicion, and partly because the chief executive is not seen as clubbable Still, bolder investors may want to give it the benefit of the doubt.

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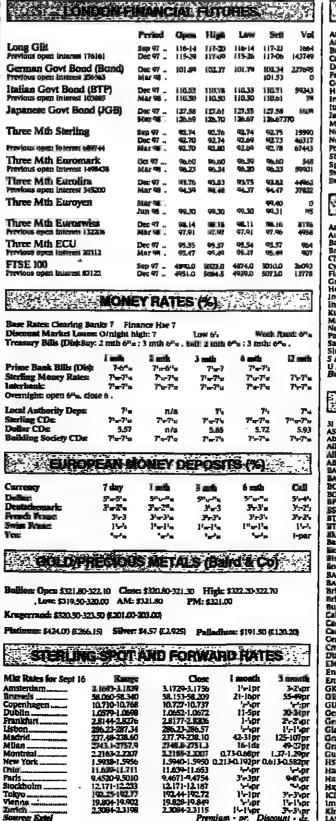
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The Government will unveil the latest job figures today, hoping that they will show another fall in unemployment. But ministers'

insistence that joblessness still needs to be tackled with a new range of Welfare to Work policy initiatives will be underlined by a new report that emphasises the fragmented nature of the UK labour market. Even so, some of the findings of the

latest labour market audit by the Employment Policy Institute, the independent jobs think-tank, will make uncomfortable reading for ministers - especially its conclusions on so-called "workless households".

During the election Labour made great play of figures drawn from official data that seemed to show that one in five households in Britain was "workless". The clear impression was that even though unemployment was falling, a huge slice of Britain's families were still being hit by

Jobless analysis highlights splintering labour market

Whitehall job analysts have since tried to examine the figures behind the claims, but today's new report by the independent EPI goes a fair way towards puncturing Labour's charges, to the extent that EPI officials now admit to being uncomfortable with the whole concept of workless households.

First, it shows that though work-less households now make up 19.3 per cent of the total number of households, compared with 8 per cent in 1979, the largest slice is made up of

children make up just 13 per cent of the total of workless households, that figure is actually down from one quarter a decade ago.

But the EPI research does reveal a staggeringly high concentration of worklessness on council estates. Its analysis of the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey shows that half of all local authority and housing association rented properties are now classified as workless. And over half of households dubbed workless have single adults living alone with no children, followed by single parents with one child. Not only do workless

for retraining. But the research also shows that higher skill levels are not preventing unemployment either: more out-of-work people have qualifications now than 20 years ago.

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Almost a quarter of all households where the property is owned outright, are deemed as "workless", probably reinforcing the extent to which early retirement is now a disguised form of unemployment. And the form of employment is changing. For the first time, the EPI report details the rise not just of part-time working, but of different forms of it. "Quarter-time jobs" of less than 15 hours a week

part-time jobs in 1979 to 11 per cent now, particularly among men, where quarter-time jobs have seen a four-

Students form the bulk of these workers. Some fast-food chains, for instance, have workforces where twothirds of employees are nominally full-time students. Proposed changes in the wake of the Dearing report on higher education look set to accelerate that trend.

At the same time, the number of people working very long hours has risen. In 1979, 17 per cent of people worked more than 48 hours a week. now it is 20 per cent. For women, though the levels are lower, the pace of change is faster - doubling from 3.5 to 7.2 per cent, reflecting both the decline in jobs traditionally held by men and the limited but notable growth of women in senior business and professional jobs.

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Past lessons taken to heart as City property market firms up

Martin Waller

says insiders

see demand

growing without

overheating

There are — depending on which rumours you believe - half a dozen interested parties looking around the City, Canary Wharf and other areas acceptable to the financial community for large office space. Not any old offices, though:

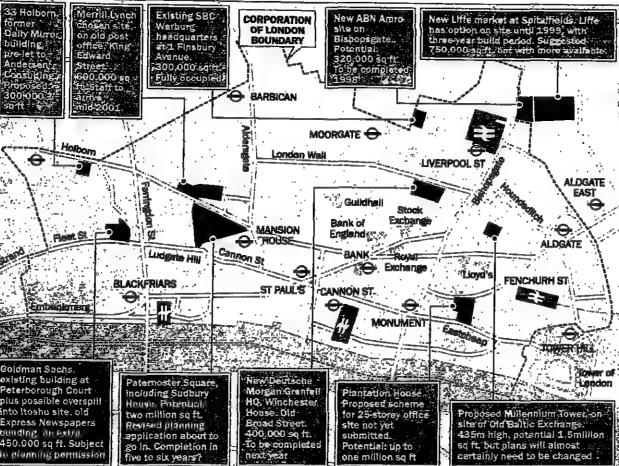
these are big league players. and they want huge aircraft hangars, mega-sites of 300,000, 400,000, even a million square feet. (The average superstore where you do your weekly shopping covers 30,000 sq ft.) And there are at present probably only three sites in the City that could be occupied within a reasonable timespan.

Supply is about half of demand: a happy state of affairs for any business. But like farmers, for property developers it is always too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry. Serious undersupply sends rents soaring, but it also spurs speculative developers. By the time their buildines are complete, too many have been built and there is a glut. Rents fail, especially if this coincides with an economic downturn that persuades potential buyers that, far from expanding, they should be pull-ing in their homs again.

It is the classic commodity cycle, if property developments the size of small towns can be viewed as commodities. Scarcity prompts higher prices; they prompt increased production. which creates oversupply. Prices fall again. Production is cut, and scarcity returns.

This is exactly what happened in the City property market before the last recession, and in the property market as a whole. In the early 1990s City rents peaked at about £65 per sq ft; one big insurer actually paid £68, which probably marked the high water mark. By 1993 rentals had fallen to £32.50. and have yet to climb back halfway towards their earlier peak.

One of those big buyers would have to pay £45 today. about the level in 1987 or 1988. There are sightings of the fabled £50 per sq ft, but



observers are sceptical; such figures, when examined more closely, tend to be deflated in real terms by deferred rents. discounts or other sweeteners.

which suggests the cycle must peak one day, and then fall. Another measure is City vacancy rates, the proportion of buildings available if not actually empty. In mid-1992, not many months after that insurance group paid top dollar, vacancy rates were 18 per cent. They are now 7 per cent. This may represent five million sq ft of City office space looking for an occupier, but there is a difference now, and that is the lack of those mega-schemes

quality, particularly large build-ings and a surfeit of poorer second-hand smaller units." By contrast with those three

We are in mid-cycle again.

that the big players need. Peter Evans, research director, DTZ Debenham Thorpe, believes that if the boom-bust cycle has not actually been broken, it may have been significantly flattened. "We have got availability ratios very much higher than we had at the low point of the last cycle," he said. But the fundamental point is that there is a clear polarisation between the availability of good

available mega-schemes of more than 100,000 sq ft each. there are in the City 400 or more individual sites of up to 3,000 sq ft to chose from.

Whilst development is picking up again," says Mr Evans. if you look around the City, there aren't a huge number of cranes there. We're seeing more in the way of speculative developments, but the tendency has been, as a result of the badly burnt fingers of the late 1980s and early '90s, that they are more cautious." So big City developments are

not being started before an occupier is found. Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank, has this summer chosen new headquarters close to St Paul's Cathedral. WestDeutsche Landesbank, owner of Panmure Gordon, the broker, is looking to pre-let a site nearby, part of the huge Paternoster Square development that is moving ahead at last after a couple of decades of dithering

and planning problems.

Merrill has, significantly, not only nailed down the rental it will pay in the first years of the new century beforehand but taken an equity stake in the venture. Others have bought freeholds, and will pay no rent.

They include the ABN Amro, the Dutch bank that owns Hoare Govett, the broker, and the Liffe market, both of which are heading for Spitalfields for their new headquarters, even if Liffe, for tax reasons, merely

has an option on the freehold. For developers, pre-lets may mean they lose out on future rental growth, but they ensure that the site will be occupied. They mean developers are reacting to demand today, and so may have difficulty fulfilling future needs. Likewise occupiers' needs can change even as the site is being built to their previous specifications.

eter Bennett, deputy City surveyor at the Corporation of London, says the key moment in the current cycle came a few years ago when the second wave of outside buyers for City financial houses decided to make London their European base. Several, having located here, found that as business grew they needed more space. Goldman Sachs is looking to add another former print works, the old Express building in Fleet Street, to the one the American bank already occup-ies next door, former home of

Corporation bought SG War-burg, and is looking for more offices while expanding Warburg's existing headquarters.

Deutsche Bank bought Mor-gan Grenfell and moved much of its international trading business to London, so outgrowing Morgan Grenfell's existing offices. And ABN Amro sought out the Spitalfields site, despite having Hoare Govett's Broadgate offices. Mr Bennett says: The problem with preletting is one of timescale. It does take a minimum of two to three years to supply. You are asking the end-users to decide what their requirements will be in three years' time."

Smaller banks such as Schröders and Rothschilds have found new offices over the past few years. Big City solicitors have either occupied landmark sites or are looking for them. Even the insurance sector traditionally located at the east of the City is expanding, either because of mergers or the arrival of big US players. Despite the odd exception Paribas, the French bank, chose Wigmore Street as its London base and recently announced a move to Marylebone, while Salomon Brothers

has one advantage over the West End: ownership of land in the latter is far more fragment-ed, making a large site harder to assemble. Large chunks of the City are still owned by the City Corporation.
The cost of renting in Canary Wharf is about half that in the Square Mile, taking rates into account, and the arrival of the Jubilee Line next year will be a big boost, putting the site with-

Victoria Station — the empha-

sis is firmly on the City. The

ration of London and Canary

Wharf need not be rehearsed

again, even if Mr Bennett says

he spends most of his efforts

persuading existing occupiers to stay in the City. But the City

in minutes of the hundreds of thousands of commuters using London Bridge and Waterloo. Barclays de Zoeté Wedd comoleted its relocation to Canary Wharf this summer. Newro, the new City regulator, is looking at a site there. Citibank is building a 560,000 sq ft headquarters for Britain and

Crédit Suisse First Boston is expanding into a new block next to its present premises. But Colin Hargreaves, a City office partner at Healey 8 Baker, says further new buildings there will be restricted by the need to find pre-lets, because past difficulties preclude funds for entirely speculative building. "Canary Wharf is established and has the necessary critical mass, and it will continue to be an adjunct to the City market. But I don't think it's as much of a threat as it was when there were large voids, before

BZW went down there." He, too, is hopeful that the undersupply/oversupply cycle of the past may not necessarily recur. "We look like we are much better organised to provide space than we were at this time in the last cycle, but much more measured. We will see good rental growth but I don't think it will overheat."



Warren Buffett and the search for "value"

The news that Warren Buffet has spent \$2 billion on junk bonds shows, if nothing clse, how hard life has become for value investors — those who, like Buffett, seek underpriced potential. This respectable strategy has in fact been the surest way to underperform in the great bull market just look at its leading British practitioners, M&G and PDFM. Even JP Morgan in New York, which has reduced value investing to a computer science, has ceased reliably to outperform the indices,

The trouble is simply that in a mature bull market, virtually nothing is underpriced. Fashion rules, and the shares that make the running tend to be the most "overpriced". It is hardly surprising that, as disillusion follows distillusion, it is the value investors who argue most loudly that the whole market is riding for a crash. Buffett need not share this pessimism, because his portfolios have continued to perform. This is because, unlike his rivals, he is not an active trader. On the contrary, he buys seldom and holds for the very long term. His brilliant picks were made when the strategy still worked.

But what to buy now? With underpricing so hard to find these days, it seems that Buffett has decided to take a small punt (small, that is, by Buffett standards) in overpriced risk. The potential rewards are obvious if all the companies in which Buffett has just invested survive long enough to honour their paper, he will quintuple his investment. Even if only two out of five survive he will, roughly, double his money. These huge premiums are, as it were, the negative price of risk; Buffett, it seems, likes the odds.

The risks in new junk bonds, known in Wall Street as 144A offerings, are nothing if not explicit. Bonds are offered by concerns whose current cash flow may not be enough to cover the interest, let alone any other outgoings; so part of the subscription is set aside in an "interest escrow account". In other words, interest is paid out of subscribed capital.

legalised version of a wellknown financial con trick. Others may have no cash flow at all, and offer "payment in kind" (PIK, to the specialists): you get your coupon in more, apparently worthless, bonds. Of course, there is always the chance that they are not worthless

But if you are tempted to rush in where the Sage of Omaha has trodden, be warned: it may already be too late (it usually is, where Buffett is concerned). Curmonitored by Jim Grant of the Interest Rate Observer. complain that the appetite for high-yielding paper is now so keen that "investors are finding themselves faced with declining vields, weaker structures and less-quality borrowers", which sounds very like the bottom of the barrel. Yet it all happened before, as recently as 1989. and ended, more often than not, in tears. "Nobody re-members anything," Grant

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🦰 o is true value now a thing of the past? Not necessarily. You could, for example, take a pretty low-risk punt on the possibil ity that Britain will not after all opt out of EMU, reflecting the Chancellor's private wish (though certainly not mine). Simply switch out of equities into gilts: bonds in other candidate countries such as Italy and Spain have been hugely rewarding. Or if you are still an equity man. you could try the great precrash market: Japan. Japanese citizens are still

selling out in disgust, which is off-putting: the economy is flat, and the banks have found new ways of going bust - lending in Thailand. for example. But the small company sector, which never joined in the boom, may prove the exception that proves the rule, according to Grant you can still find cash-rich enterprises with robust profits, good specialist products and p/e ratios that look like London in the old days. Or rather let someone else find them: Henderson, Fidelity and Invescor, to name but three, run Japanese small company funds. Good hunting.

Red alert

SNIFFER dogs down the sew-ers, divers in Victoria Harbour, a robot sent into the coffee shop of the Excelsior hotel to disarm a suspicious package. (It turned out to be a box of festive mooncakes.) Security arrangements for the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Hong Kong border on the paranoid. The party line is to blame the impending arrival of the new masters from Beijing. But there is another possible explanation. I am told that George Soros,

so recently and charmingly



Do you know which aisle the food is on?"

Mohamad Mahathir, Malaysia's Prime Minister, is worried about his own security. As indeed he might be after the damage his speculation may have done to some no doubt overvalued South-East Asian currencies. He is giving a speech on global integration on Sunday, but officials are keeping his whereabouts a secret. We don't think he is here but, when he is, we can't say so, said one.

DORLING KINDERSLEY has a reputation as a provider of some nifty books and computer products, but it is not exactly a corporate titan, shall we say. Indeed, its market worth, less than £200 million. would normally suggest little interest from the analysts. So why were there 30-odd teenage scribblers packed into the company's offices yesterday, hanging on every word of the preliminary statement, a turnout that would not disgrace a FTSE company? Does it have anything to do with DK's equal reputation for being free with its own products – yesterday's takeaway bag, including a couple of CD-Roms, would have re-

tailed at £80? I trust such en-



thusiasm will be duly reflected in brokers' notes.

Cooke tribute

YESTERDAY was the memorial service for Stephen Cooke, the chief executive of Gerrard Vivian Gray, who died aged 47 on May 27, on the very day the broker completed the merger with Grieg Middleton which he worked so hard to bring about. It was held at St Mary Cornhill, and attended by a wide selection of the City's great and the good. Nick da Costa, an old schoolfriend, paid tribute to Cooke's everpresent sense of humour. As president of the union at Imperial College, London, where he was a student, Cooke once getting to know as many female undergraduates in as short a time as possible".

defined his official duties as

Dialling out

UNFAIR to assume that everyone who quits Barclays de Zoete Wedd cannot face life at Canary Wharf, I know - one wonders how committed Barclays is to investment banking, and that must be pretty dispiriting. But the exo-dus continues. Two of the toprated telecommunications team have been poached by Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, which has a track record for European telecoms floats. Both Jonathan Lewis, 29.

and Jane Bidmead. 24, have been at BZW since university. Says Jamie Stevenson. DKB's head of research: "I like analysts who are on their way up. People working their way up are the ones who make the biggest contribution." I point out to Jamie that our paths first crossed a couple of decades ago. But we are both too tactful to draw any conclusions.

Eyre time

IN ONE of the worst acts of French vandalism since the harrying of the North, the garlic-eaters want to dig up that cobbled street in Yorkshire that hosted a thousand Hovis

commercials. No, I know it is nothing of the sort, but feel-ings are running high in Haworth, because the village near Bradford is the former home of the Brontës. So the Brontë Society is objecting, and you tangle with that sort of heri-

tage group at your peril.

Haworth is being cabled, requiring the removal and replacement of those historic cobbles. The company involved is Yorkshire Cable, which is owned by Compagnie Générale des Eaux, a fact that has gone largely unnoticed. The mood there is already bad enough: no unseemly demonstrations of chauvinism, I trust, once this becomes generally known.

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Emily Brontë's home village is threatened by cable TV

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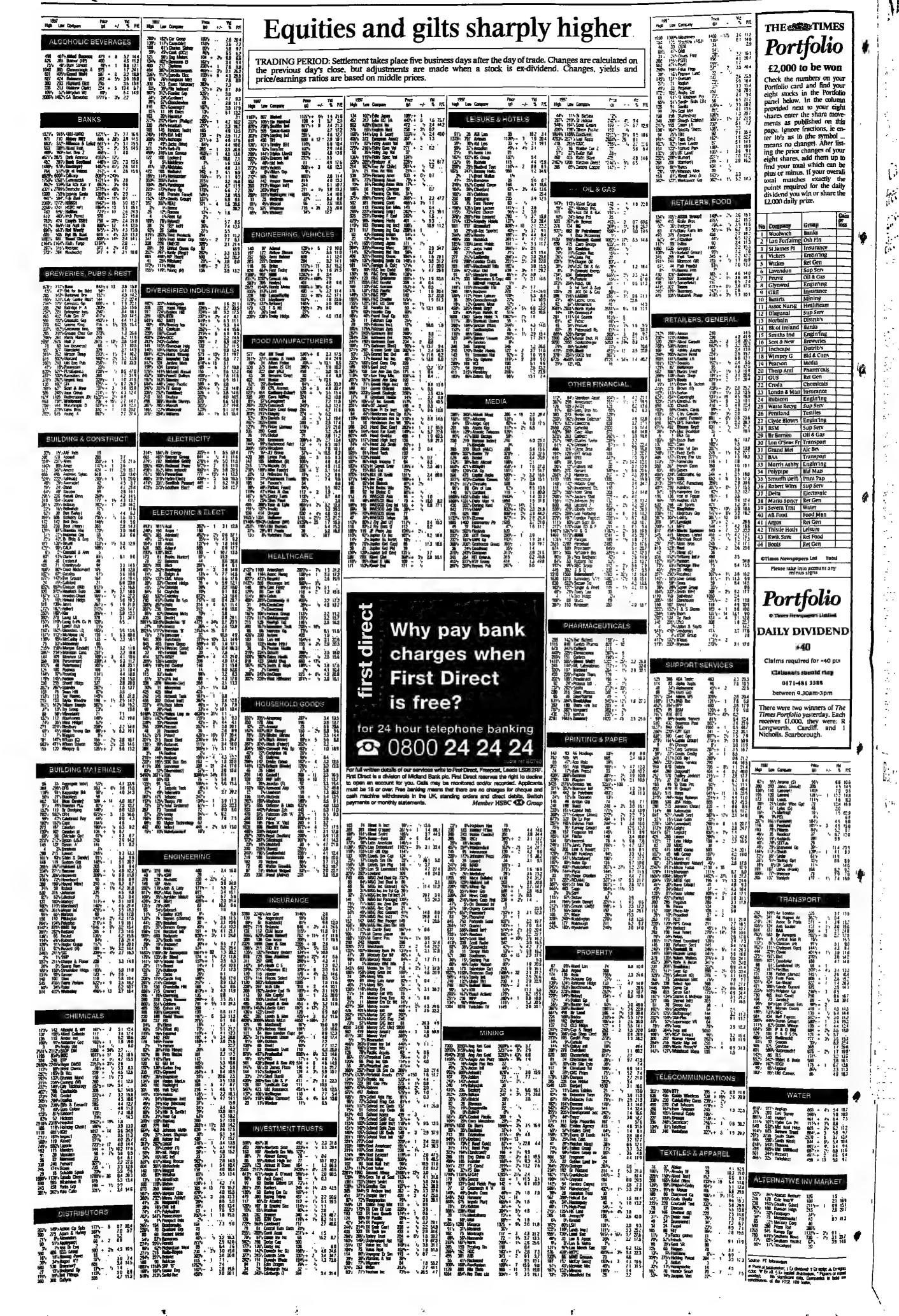
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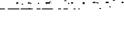
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Mowlem looks forward to improving results

BY PAUL DURMAN

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JOHN MOWLEM, the construction company, and SGB Group, its scaffolding arm, are looking forward to improving results in the second half of this year as they start to reap the benefits from SGB's transformation into an independently quoted company.

In its first results since its June flotation, SGB reported a 10 per cent improvement in the underlying pre-tax profits of its continuing business to £6.6 million, on first-half sales slightly higher at £127.3 million. The company, which makes, hires and sells scaffolding and other access equipment, actually made £7.2 million on sales of £151.2 million. However, this included a contribution from businesses transferred to John Mowlem and the benefit of a lower interest charge when it was wholly owned.

SGB, in which Mowlem retains a 51 per cent stake, was the biggest contributor to the construction group's underlying pre-tax profits of £9.5 million, a 79 per cent improvement on the same period last year. This ignores the £41 million cost to Mowlem of the SGB flotation. This and other exceptional costs pushed Mowlem to a pre-tax loss of E31.5 million (E5.3 million profit). John Gains, Mowlem's chief

executive, said the main construction business responsible for £465 million of its £692 million of first-half turnover - was showing significant improvement. An attempt to concentrate on more profitable business helped the construction arm to return to the black with an operating profit of £1.7 million (£900,000 loss).

Mowlem is keen to develop its environmental services business, which made profits of £1.5 million (£1.3 million) on sales of just £11 million. The group has also set up a property maintenance business for customers. This forms part of the facilities services division, which made unchanged profits of £1.6 million on sales of £86

million. Mr Gains said he expected the progress made in the first half to be sustained into the second. As a sign of its confidence, Mowlern has lifted its interim dividend, which it restored only last year, from 1p to 1.5p a share. It will be paid on December 31.

SGB was helped by a strong performance from its international division, which increased operating profits 34 per cent to £3.9 million. The UK arm. SGB Youngman, rose from £3.7 million to £3.9 million. SGB is not paying an interim dividend.

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Call for freeze on gas-fired electricity

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL

THE coal industry yesterday made a new call to halt the building of gas fired power stations as it lobbied the electricity regulator over the price of electricity produced by gas.
The Confederation of UK

Coal Producers said gas station applications should be frozen pending investigation of the market, investigation of a complaint to the European Commission about competition from gas in the electricity market and investigation of social and economic costs of gas-station generation.

There are 22 applications before the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to build gas-fired stations or to adapt ones using other fuel to take gas.

The producers' confederation said that coal contracts for 1996-97 cost 3.92p per kilowatt hour generated, compared with 4.10p for electricity generated from gas by independent power producers. Its figures are based on a report by the regulator.
Gerry Mousley, the con-

federation director-general, said: "This new evidence . . . fully justifies our call for a full independent review of the electricity market - a review which we are confident will enable coal to be an equal partner in the Government's commitment to develop an energy policy based on diversity, security

and sustainability. Separately, a DTI report on energy said that coal is facing an environmental challenge. John Battle, Energy Minister, said: "Coalfired power stations have a conversion efficiency of some 40 per cent, while gasfired stations with efficiencies up to 60 per cent are being developed."



Mark Torrance, left, Mark Getty and Jonathan Klein, the men behind the newly formed Getty Images

Getty snaps up supplier of images in £100m deal

GETTY Communications became the largest provider of stock commercial imagery yesterday with the £100 million purchase of PhotoDisc of Seattle, the top Internet suppli-

er of photographs.

Getty, which is controlled by the Getty family trusts, Mark Getty, the son of John Paul II, and his partner Jonathan Klein, is acquiring PhotoDisc for 9.6 million new Jetty shares and \$30 million (£18 million) in cash. At Getty's current Nasdaq trading price of about \$13.50 a share, the deal is valued at \$160 million. PhotoDisc sells images in digital form on CD-Roms and through its Internet Web site. The images are bought by the

acquisition in France, Ger-

many and Italy and is particu-

larly keen to find an acquisit-

ion with potential for overseas

growth. The company, a Marks & Spencer supplier, is

though turnover in continuing

businesses rose from £235.3

million to E245 million.

overseas expansion drive.

design community, Web site designers and the corporate communications industry. The library has about 50,000 images, all available on a nonexclusive, royalty-free basis, allowing frequent use for a one-time fee.

PhotoDisc was launched in 1992 by Mark Torrance, chair-man and chief executive, and had sales of \$28 million and operating earnings of \$5 miluon in 1996. Turnover ini year is expected to reach \$40 million and revenue from Web site sales is growing at 20 per cent a month.

Getty said that the PhotoDisc purchase would provide it with the technology to accelerate the development

of digital versions of its hardcopy libraries, which include Tony Stone Images, a supplier of contemporary stock photography, and Hulton Getty, the archival collection put together by the founder of Picture Post magazine.

The purchase of PhotoDisc will trigger a financial restruc-turing that will effectively transform Getty into an American company. Each two is-Class A and Class B Getty shares are to be exchanged for a single share in Getty Images, the newly company. shareholders will own 69 per cent of Getty Images' share capital, while PhotoDisc's shareholders will hold the

rest. Mr Torrance will be-

The deal will see the Carlton Communications stake in Getty diluted from 10 per cent to about 6 per cent. Carlton paid £17.3 million for the stake last ear and had an option to double it. But it now appears that the ITV company may even sell its shares.

Getty, which has grown exclusively through acquisinons, will make no la purchases after it absorbs PhotoDisc. Mr Klein, Getty's chief executive, said: "We've got what we need at the moment, though there are some small specialist libraries in the sport and science field

Delta aims to sell a third of businesses

BY ADAM JONES

DELTA, the engineering and cables group, yesterday told analysts that it would like to sell a third of its businesses.

New restructuring plans leave no apparent role for the bulk of its cables and materials businesses and some analysts yesterday were predicting their disposal. Delta will be restructured around four long-term growth areas: electrical protection, including circuit-break-ers; galvanizing; electrolytic manganese, a chemical com-pound used in batteries; and clumbing products.

The group told analysts that businesses accounting for 35 per cent of sales had been earmarked for divestment. Cables and materials account for about 33 per cent of sales.

Jon Scott-Maxwell, chief executive, would not confirm which businesses were candi-dates for sale. He added that there was no urgency as Delta could afford to further develop its other businesses through the existing strength of its

balance sheet.
In the first six months of 1997, pre-tax profits rose to £33.1 million (£11.5 million).
The 1996 figure had been dragged down by £11.1 million of exceptional charges and a E5.7 million writedown of copper assets. The 1997 interim profit includes a £3.3 million charge relating to the strength of sterling. Delta believes that this will rise to £6 million for

the second half. The cables division made a profit of £1.5 million (£5.8 million loss). Improvements were made in industrial services and electrical protection, although profits dropped in the plumbing division. Turnver fel) from E494.5 r

£447.9 million. An interim dividend of 4.5p per share (4.5p. 1996) will be paid as a foreign income dividend. Earnings per share rose from 1.8p to 13.6p.

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Baird's advance surprises City

BY GEORGE STVELL

SHARES in William Baird leapt 17p, to 1912p, after the clothing designer and manufacturer announced pre-tax profits for the half year to June 30 more than doubled from E5.1 million to E11.6 million.

The results surprised the City and brokers upgraded full-year forecasts from £30 million to £32 million.

Proceeds from disposals cut borrowings to zero at June 30, from £23.8 million on December 31 and from E64.5 million at June 30 last year. The company says that having completed its disposal plans, it is now looking at potential bolt-on or fill-in acquisitions. It remains keen, however, to generate organic growth. Baird has trawled through a. list of potential brands for

Oriflame in merger talks with rival

SHARES in Oriflame International, the cosmetics group, were suspended from the stock market yesterday when the company said it was in merger talks with its rival Oresa (Chris Ayres writes).

A merger would create a company with sales exceeding

keen to follow its customer's £230 million. Oresa sells cosmetics in Eastern Europe, Earnings per share rose from 2p to 6.7p and the interim dividend rises from 3.55p to whereas Oriflame concentrates on markets in Europe. South America, India and the 3.90p. Sales fell from £303.6 million to £283.7 million, al-Far East. A merger would result in six Oriflame shares being exchanged for each Oresa share, nearly doubling to 100 million the number of

Sales to Marks & Spencer rose 6 per cent, to £94.3 mil-Oriflame shares in issue. lion, with operating profits up 34 per cent, to £4.3 million. Oriflame said yesterday that both boards supported a merger, which would build on Baird says that the outlook Oresa's success and allow for the second half remains Oriflame to continue expandpositive, and that order books ing into emerging markets.

Forest valuation to top £31m after AIM float

NOTTINGHAM FOREST. the football club that was relegated to the Nationwide First Division at the end of last season, is to be valued at £31.8 million when it floats on the Alternative investment Market next month.

This is twice the amount paid for the club when it was taken over in March by an investor group led by Nigel Wray, the City financier who owns Saracens Rugby Club. In spite of the uplift in value,

Mr Wray and his parmers including Irving Scholar, who was censured over his role in the refinancing of Tottenham Hotspur, and Nick Leslau, who resigned last week as chief executive of Burford - are not making an immediate profit from the float, which prices



Van Hooijdonk: Dutch star

Forest shares at 70p each. Phil Soar, another member of the consortium, has become chief executive on £130,000 a year, which will become £150,000 if Forest is promoted to the Premiership.

The group has also hired Duncan Reid from the Really Useful Group as finance director on a salary of £80,000 a year. The duo have been awarded share options worth

Forest is raising £3.5 million in the float, though £500,000 of this will go to the floation advisers, led by HSBC Invest-

ment Bank. The club had a turnover of £14.4 million but made a loss of £10.3 million after transfer fees, which included the pur-chase from Celtic of Pierre van Hooijdonk, the Dutch interna-

tional striker. Nigel Wray has sold 900,000 shares in Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank where he is a director. netting £1.33 million. Mr Wray is retaining 100,000

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BAT puts £81m into Florida settlement

BROWN & WILLIAMSON TOBACCO, the BAT subsidiary. has paid \$130 million (£81 million) to the state of Florida as part of damages agreed between tobacco companies and the state last month. The first instalment of the \$11.0 billion Florida settlement will be used for anti-smoking education and for general healthcare. However, five lawyers hired by state officials three years ago are demanding \$1.25 billion in

They are seeking a court order to confiscate \$750 million, the total of the first instalment. Judge Harold Cohen, of Palm Beach County Circuit, ruled that the money should be held in separate accounts, and gave the two sides 30 days to settle their differences. The agreement between the state and tobacco companies is believed to include \$12 million for out-of-pocket legal expenses and \$10 million for the state's legal team. Florida's settlement could be superseded by a \$386 billion national settlement that has yet to win congressional approval.

Alumasc lifts payout

ALUMASC, the engineering and construction products group. lifted pre-tax profits 5 per cent to £14.8 million in the year to June 30 on sales up 13 per cent £172 million. Earnings rose 4.1 per cent to 25.3p while the dividend rises to 3 per cent to 8.5p. John McCall, chairman, said action had been taken over problems that had held back the group's performance during the past year. He said: "The more radical action required to redirect those businesses whose underperformance is more deep-rooted should begin to yield benefits during the coming year."

Freepages expands

FREEPAGES, the communications services group, is to pay up to £1.25 million for a 30 per cent stake in Request (UK), a marketing and technology group, with an initial cash payment of £500,000. Further payments of £750,000 in cash will become payable if certain targets are reached by request within the next 120 days. Freepages said. In addition, it has been granted a call option to buy up to 50 per cent of the fully diluted share capital of Request at an agreed price of £65,000 for each 1 per cent of ordinary share capital not already owned by Freepages.

Exco advises caution

PROFITS at Exco, the wholesale securities broker, fell to £5.4 million from £12.3 million in the first half of 1997. The drop included £2.1 million spent on making 154 staff redundant, a 12 million currency hit and £2 million lost from discontinued businesses. Further cost-cutting measures included closure of Exco's office in Guernsey and a scaling-down of Hong Kong operations. Turnover fell from £113.7 million to £101.2 million. David Hubbard, chairman, advised "continued caution". The interim dividend is halved to 0.75p per share.

Scottish Radio offer

SCOTTISH Radio Holdings has made an offer to acquire the outstanding 59.2 per cent of Moray Firth Radio for 250p a share. The offer values Moray at £503.350. The company said a Moray shareholder with about 18.6 per cent of the current issued share capital had given an irrevocable undertaking to Scottish Radio to accept the offer. Scottish Radio said that it already owned 40.8 per cent of the issued share capital. The value of Moray's net assets as at September 30, 1996, its most recent financial year end, was £340,733.

Janice oilfield approved

KERR-MCGEE, the American oil giant, has been given approval to develop the Janice oilfield in the North Sea. 170 miles south-east of Aberdeen, containing an estimated 70 million partels of recoverable oil. The oil will be processed on a converted floating production unit, then piped to a refinery at Teesside. Gas will also be sent by pipeline to the Judy platform near by. Production is due to start in the second half of next year and will peak at 55,000 barrels a day.

Lloyd's scheme viable

STACE BARR ANGERSTEIN (SBA) has won sufficient support to proceed with its conversion scheme aimed at allowing Lloyd's names to underwrite in the market with limited liability. At least 90 names offering £33 million in 1997 capacity have applied. It remains open to applicants until September 26. SBA is backed by Stace Barr, a members' agent and Lloyd's adviser, which is itself owned by Angerstein Underwriting Trust, the Lloyd's corporate capital vehicle.

Britax profits rise

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What chance do three new musicals have? And (below, right) are the Lloyd Webbers of tomorrow getting a fair deal?

Three to get ready – so go, Cats, go

Has the mega-musical had its day? Let's hope so, the

brains behind a trio of new productions tell Matt Wolf

mid all the talk about new writing for the theatre, the musical rarely gets a look-in. But what about newcomers to a genre generally defined in London either by American imports or by the latest Andrew Lloyd Webber or Carner-

on Mackintosh extravaganza? This month sees the arrival of three shows whose combined budgets would pay for a fraction of Miss Saigon. But the creators of Enter the Guardsman, Maddie and Dorian are all bravely going where Always and its like have failed in an effort to prove that fresh musical talent exists - if one only listens out for it.

Not, it must be said, that Lloyd Webber and Mackintosh are altogether absent from this trio of shows. Enter the Guardsman is the first Donmar production underwritten (to the tune of £180,000) by Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, in much the same way as Mackintosh backed this season's earlier Donnar venture, The Fix. Stephen Keeling, the composer of Maddie, attended the Oxford masterclass taught by Stephen Sondheim. who was the university's first Cameron Mackintosh Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre.

Still, amid an environment dominated by these men, it can be difficult obtaining a hearing for the next generation. "It's just so hard to get new musicals shown." Keeling says, "The industry seems to have such a fear: it's the risk factor I've heard so often. The feeling is that if you're not Andrew Lloyd Webber, then they don't want to know, but then again if there isn't anybody but Lloyd Webber, there

would never be any variety.
"The whole 1980s thing of the mega-musical has inspired an awful lot of people to write them: the problem is just trying to get new work seen." The history of Maddie bears Keeling out. For four years the show languished with one West End management, despite an encouraging 1991 workshop at the National Theatre Studio with Bonnie

Langford as the ghostly Holly-

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Rognlie. (Glenn Close took the part in a poorly received 1985 film adapted from the same Jack Finney novel.) Then in March of last year a projected West End opening fell through when the co-producers. Apollo Leisure, pulled out.

Keeling and the producer Kenny Wax spent a year trawling the country, pitching the show to regional theatres "We did the old Broadway thing of me selling the songs and Kenny telling the story." says Keeling - before Salisbury Playhouse said yes. After a successful tryout. Wax was off to New York to top up funding that was difficult to

> 6 There is pressure to create these epic things — and also to be small ?

come by in this country for a £475,000 production.

With Enter the Guardsman, the issue concerned the appropriate scale for this adaptation of Ferenc Molnár's 1910 play, The Guardsman. In North America, says Marion Adler, the show's Canadian lyricist, "the complaint was that our musical was too small. People were very interested, but they wanted it to be big, big, big. There is pressure to create these huge, largechorused, exciting, enormous, sweeping, epic things. And then on the other hand also a certain pressure to be small."

Enter the Guardsman got its major boost from a rare source - it was chosen out of 266 entries as the International Musical of the Year; a prize of E40,000 accompanied the honour at the competition in Aarhus, Denmark. At last, a show that had done the American workshop circuit - "Everyone was up the gangplank," says Adier, whose husband Scott Wentworth wrote the book for the musical. but no one was getting on

hoard" - had received the

kick it needed to head towards

full production. matters who has seen you, who recommends you, who thinks you're good."

years back suggests not.)

Wax hopes Maddie will achieve "a respectable rum" which he defines as at least six Sams, the director of Guardsing to an end, but only when people are writing smaller pieces that are fascinating. advocate: it's not small in its subject-matter; in fact, it's

But is there room for smaller shows unaccompanied by the hype that, Mackintosh says, goes down in London best? "There's all this bleating about getting away from the mega-musical," Mackintosh once told me, "but the moment anyone tries to be new, the critics slap you down. They want to shove the musical

Sounding a note of optispired by the Oscar Wilde exhausted now. I feel a move back to smaller things, and to product rather than images and speciacle. What the spec-taculars did is draw huge attention to the musical, and

● Enter the Guardsman opens tomorrow at the Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-

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There's nothing like a ratification of that sort," Adler says. "The competition even to get your piece heard is so fierce that, after a while, it doesn't matter how good you are. It

And yet, even if juries like you, will audiences? Can smaller shows sustain a run? (The failure of the muchlauded She Loves Me several

months or even a year. Jeremy man, thinks the appetite for mega-musicals "may be com-Guardsman is its own best

back into its song-and-dance

mism is the London-based Australian David Reeves, begetter of this month's third new musical, Dorian, instory. "Perhaps the concept of the mega-musical has been now it can only benefit."

 Maddie previews from Monday and opens Sept 29 at the Lyric.

Dorian previews from Sept 25 and opens Sept 29 at the Aris, Great Newport Street, WC2 [017]-836 2132)



and the chorus line goes on and on

That exactly is the point of the Vivian Ellis Awards? After all, for more than a decade they have existed as a means of promoting the work of promising writers of musicals - but few, if any, household names have emerged from

"Good question" said one of this year's judges, Jonathan Simon, and it is one that may get an answer tomorrow afternoon when the competition gets the experimental Andrew Lloyd Webber treatment in one of the West End's largest theatres, Her Majesty's, home of Phantom of the Opera, and a professional cast including a former Phantom, Dave Willetts.

Extracts from this year's five finalists will be performed end-to-end in the first half of the show, with the judges -Don Black, Nica Burns of Stoll Moss, Dan Crawford of the King's Head pub theatre in Islington, Sheridan Morley, Sir Tim Rice, Jeremy Sams and Simons giving their deliberations in the

Black is chairman of the Ellis panel and president of the Musical of the Year judges. "I always say we won't Simon Tait reports on the upgrading of the Vivian Ellis Awards for promising musicals

find a My Fair Lady, and there aren't that many George Gershwins or Irving Berlins out there, but this is a way of finding them. But they still have a long way to go from this point. As Stephen idheim says, musicals aren't written, they're rewritten."

The Vivian Ellis Award was started by the Performing Right Society (PRS) to mark the 80th birthday of the man who created such Shaftesbury Avenue anthems as This is my Lovely Day. He died last year after a career which spanned most of the century. "He'd written three new songs just before he died, and called the day before he died with some amendments," says Crawford, his friend and collaborator, who directed Ellis's last show, Spread

Crawford had to ask whether, without Ellis, the awards should stop. That seemed likely when a previous venue, the Guildhall School of Music, announced itself unavailable this time, and the PRS was unable to offer as much financial support as before, "We thought we owed it to Vivian to give it another chance," says Crawford. In the hest West End tradition, the organisers decided not only that the show must go on, but that it should be enhanced.

So tomorrow five musicals will get the benefit of 23 professional performers, a professional musical director in Kate Young and a professional director of musicals, Hugh Wooldridge, And rather than mums, dads and tutors comprising the audience, tickets are on sale to the public. Perhaps even more important, producers - particularly young ones - are being invited.

The Guildhall students were mar-

velious, but they were only students and their main concern was to project their own talents, not those of the writers," Wooldridge says. "We're giving the pieces the professional treatment they deserve so that we can properly display the authors' talents."

The shortlisted competitors don't doubt the relevance of an awards scheme in the name of a songwriter who died at 91. Richard Kates has two shows in the last five: one about Mae West, another about "living with Aids, from the unside". Trained as an actor, he has already had success in his second career, writing a touring show for Su Pollard. There are so few chances for my stuff to be displayed. This is about the only chance for a new musical to be seen," he says.

Ironically, this year's new-look Vivian Ellis Awards take place just as the first winner of the Musical of the Year Award, Enter the Guardsman, opens in the West End (see left). A year ago. that won £40,000 for its creators, and the space to finish the work without having to worry about earning a living at the same time. The Ellis offers just El,000. "It would be nice to have forty times as much, I suppose," says Kates. But if a producer says he wants to put on one of my shows, don't worry. It will

• The Vivian Ellis Awards show is at Her Majesty's, Haymarket (D171-494 5054) at 2pm tomorrow, All tickets En

be ready in time."

ADVENTURES IN MOTION PICTURES

MATTHEW BOURNE'S PRODUCTION OF PROKOFIEFF'S

THEATRE: A tart view of the early female actresses, and a gritty production of a Lorca classic

Weak case for women

ago the "female wits" of Restoration England had been consigned to the lumber room of history, along with orange-sellers and fullbottomed wigs. Likewise, nothing much was known about the first women to act on the English stage, except that Nell Gwyn caught the King's eye and became the ancestress of a line of dukes. The writers were recovered

as part of the desire to bring women out of the darkness of past time, and now it is the turn, briefly, of the actresses. Brief because, since this is one of the Old Vic's so-called New Plays, April de Angelis's play will be given only eight performances, far fewer than when an earlier version toured the country four years ago. Set within some sort of

dream world, or a haunted theatre, perhaps, Liz Smith's ageless Doll Common licks her lips and mutters This place used to be a playhouse" - ominous words in a building with an uncertain future. Jo McInnes's Nell comes bouncing in, whether old or young at this moment would be hard to tell, and back we go to 1663.

The first English actresses were a part of the Restoration style, both consequence and harbinger, and the play indicates the fortunes of five of them as they exploit their newfound freedom of expression.

If they were lucky, as well as gutsy and single-minded, they could hack out a career for themselves, but they would do so almost invariably at the sufferance of men. Rachel Power's quick-tempered Mrs Marshali falls foul of an earl and fades out of the picture. for fear of being accused of Playhouse Creatures Old-Vic

witchcraft. Saskia Reeves's Mrs Farley forfeits her career on becoming pregnant and ends in the gutter. Her fall is preceded by an attempted abortion, and when the long hat pin was waved in the air l shut my eyes. The ups and downs of their

careers offer glimpses into this unfamiliar world but the play is disappointingly bitty, even



Sheila Gish: "Donald Sinden in drag"

bewildering, sometimes un-true. There were only women in the Sphinx production of 1993, and the two men now brought into the cast, the playwrights Otway and Rochester, add so little that the effort seems hardly worthwhile. Stephen Noonan's Otway is made to reveal that his father was a transvestite, presumably meaning that he was an actor who played women's roles. It is not so important that the older Otway was nothing of the kind but that de Angelis does not use this detail to develop one of her central

concerns, the replacement of

boy actors by women. McInnes is an appealingly roguish Nell, but the play's most interesting character is Mrs Betterton, played by Sheila Gish like a grand Donald Sinden in drag. Her subsequent regret for the days when. anonymously, she played the vigorous male roles of lago and Prince Hal is not only an affecting moment but an illustration of how wornen's roles were limited at this period, on stage as in life. Lynne Parker's production is pleasant enough but the play gives less than the opportunity

JEREMY KINGSTON

Family fatale DEATH does funny things to

families, as Lorca's seemingly destructive and ultimately tragic assault on patriarchy, matriarchy, sexual repression and the whole damned shooting match lays bare and spreadeagled on the otherwise spotless bedroom floor. This new production from selfproclaimed Glasgow iconoclasts Raindog - the actorbased company founded by the now famous Robert Carlyle and Caroline Paterson, although now led by Stuart Davids - pulls no punches in expressing Lorca's intentions in their own gritty, passionfuelled vernacular.

Opening with a spectacular extended tableau of ritual mourning against a backdrop of Catholic candles and blue neon crucifixes, we are soon sucked into the sticky lovesick sorority of the roost-ruling Bernarda and her five daughters. In this way, the matriarch is more Mother Fist than Mother Courage, having built a barren fortress to lock out a man's world as well as her own desire. But as the girls climb the walls with frustration and rivalry spills over into war, something's got to give. Bold strokes abound from

Davids, and his wonderful ensemble of Scottish actresses

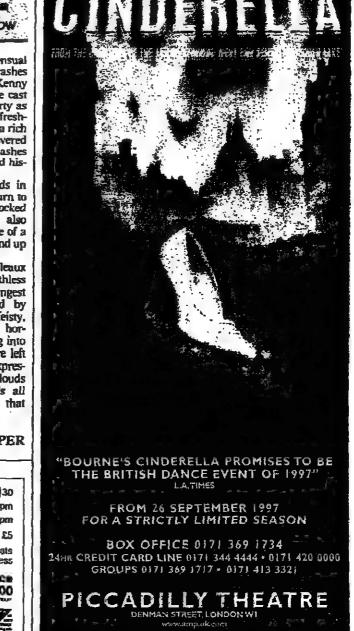
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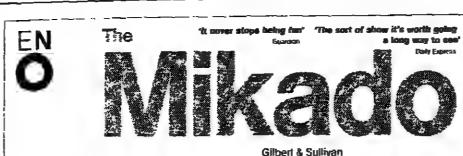
make for an eerily sensual claustrophobia that crashes and burns across Kenny Miller's opulent set. The cast led by Barbara Rafferty as Bernarda — remains refreshingly irreverent, mining a rich vein of hitherto undiscovered levity. Only occasional flashes of unnecessary camp and histrionics mar things. At its best, it succeeds in

showing how love can turn to bitterness and hate if locked away for too long. It also marks the coming of age of a company previously bound up in free-form expressions.

It is the blood-red tableaux that leave you breathless though, and when youngest daughter Adela, played by Shirley Henderson as a feisty. unhinged bundle of hormones, staggers bleeding into life - and death you are left reeling by the force of expression as symbolic storm clouds finally burst Love kills all right, in a production that doesn't mess about.

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A tonic for the spirits

aul Daniel's music directorship of English National Opera started with a bang on Monday - literally, since the inclement weather that courses through Wagner's overture invaded the auditorium as well. No, not the Coliseum's famous leaky roof again, but an almighty clap of electronic thunder by which Daniel and his players resolutely declined to be upstaged: the thrilling, full-blooded play-

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ing of the opening pages launched an evening in which musical values rode high.

It wasn't just the stormy stuff, although the whole third act, played in one long arc from the double-chorus right through to the ecstatic ending. held the audience breathless. As his recent Tannhauser for Opera North indicated, Daniel is adept at covering up the one or two bald patches to be found in early Wagner, by keeping up momentum and by making the most of the almost naive lyricism of some of the music, rather than apologising for it. Above all, he and the singers throughout stressed the legato, the purely lyrical quality of the writing, and it was this that made the notoriously perilous (and long) love duet work, for once. There was no trace of the Bayreuth bark or the Eldridge shriek that have characterised too much Wagner singing of late. This was an outstandingly musical account of the score.

With so many of the singers taking their roles for the first time, there was an exhilarating freshness to the evening as well. Willard White's first Dutchman was an outstanding achievement beauty of tone, of course, a wide range of dynamics from a half-voice that always projects through crisp enunciation of the words to an enveloping forte and an Italianate warmth and breadth of phrase in long, lyrical lines. Rita Cullis's Senta was just as impressive. exploiting one of her strongest suits, her rock-steady, gleaming top. She showed no fear tackling all those exposed, high-lying lines, indeed seemed to relish them.

Erik is potentially one of the

roles, but with the golden tone and sense of musical line common to all the soloists, David Rendall turned him into much more than the usual archetypal whinger. Stephen Richardson (Daland). John Hudson (Steersman). Catherine Savory (a striking Mary)

and the whole cast took great care to project David Pountney's faithful translation. The augmented chorus amplification of the ghost crew better managed than I have ever heard it.

Stein Winge's direction is largely traditional; I liked the Dutchman appealing to Daland's avarice by dressing him up as Ibsen's Mountain King, although Winge's view of the Norwegian maidens as terminally skittish - much whooping and merry laughter

- might be considered a slur most ungrateful of all tenor was on top form. with the on the nation's womanhood.

Much of the drama comes from Timian Alsaker's set, drapes flying in the wind, sinister giant shadows, a silken sea boiling throughout the overture, and a false stage of rubberised upholsterers' webbing through which the characters both pop up and down including, spectacularly, the ghost crew — and struggle. Never a dull moment.

RODNEY MILNES

Maturity no barrier

Alla Grand, Leeds

PHILIP PROWSE'S production of Aida - which is set, by all appearances, in an exotic, late 19th-century furnishing shop on the Avenue de l'Opéra - is not the most distinguished item in Opera North's repertoire. So in choosing after all these ears to revive it at the start of a new season, with its longstanding choreographic problems still unsolved, the company must have felt that it had special casting to offer. In a sense, it

By ordinary standards, the soprano engaged to sing Aida might have been considered too old even when the production was new 11 years ago. With Josephine Barstow, however, ordinary standards do not apply. It might be true that in the first two acts she looks out of place and ill-equipped. except by shrewdness and experience, to withstand the rivalry of Sally

Burgess's radiantly healthy Amneris. But in the half light of the Nile scene. although it was still difficult to accept her as the daughter of Jonathan Summers's impressively brutish Amonasto, the years slipped away. They stayed away to the end.

The transformation was largely a matter of self-belief, of confidence inspired, surely, by the remarkable quality of her singing up to that point. The voice is no less alluring than it ever was. If she has to push the lower register a little, the sound above that is fresh and the line is shaped by an immaculate technique. The top C in O patria mia proved to be just beyond her reach, but she produced a nicely floated B flat to make up for it later. Scarcely challenged by heroic qualities in Edmund Barham's inexpressive Radames, she is able to sing well within herself and take few risks.

Fortunately in the circumstances. Giuliano Carella. who is conducting for the first time in this country applies no excessive pressure. He takes a pragmatic view of his responsibilities, capitalising on such positive assets as Clive Bayley's stony Ramfis and Sally Burgess's voluptuously passionate Amneris without overexposing weaknesses elsewhere.

GERALD LARNER its composer's great-great-great-grand-

First from Australia

The impressive Rita Cullis (Senta) and Willard White (the Dutchman) in English National Opera's excellent production

Don John of Austria Spitalfields

HE WAS an Australian composer of Polish-Jewish descent and English birth. a philanderer, friend of Byron, spy for William IV, the first to write an Australian opera, and one of the first to die under Sydney's trams. With a biography like that. Isaac Nathan (1790-1864) can be excused his uninspiring music, and indeed the audience attending the British premiere of his Don John of Austria seemed happy to show indulgence.

Don John was the main attraction of the "Opera from Oz" festival at Spitalfields Market Opera. Premiered in Sydney in 1847, it occupies a special place in Australian music as the first opera to have been completely written Down Under. But it is really a singspiel, with emphasis on the spiel. Only the vocal score survives, and Don John has been newly orchestrated by

son - who fortunately happens to be Sir Charles Mackerras. This was truly a family affair: the music was directed with vigour by Mackerras's nephew, Alexander Briger.

Mackerras's orchestration is vigorous and colourful. But for any future performances Mackerras might consider wielding the scissors: the piece is far too long to sustain the flimsy plot. Trimmed somewhat, the work could be of more than academic interest, and it might go down well in some of the jewel-box Victorian theatres surviving in Australia.

It is hard to know whether the plot. about the love of Philip II of Spain's two sons for the same woman, a Jewess hiding from the Inquisition, would have seemed stronger in a different production. But Philip Parr's semiconcert staging dodged the issue of whether the work has any theatricality by giving each singer an actor-double.

The tenor Barry Ryan sang Don John in a constant forte, and Anne-Maree McDonald revealed an unyielding soprano as the heroine. The baritone Lucas De Jong was more flexible as Philip. John Fitzgerald-Jay led the actors as a good Don John, but some of his colleagues came from the Blackadder School of Acting.

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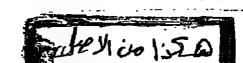
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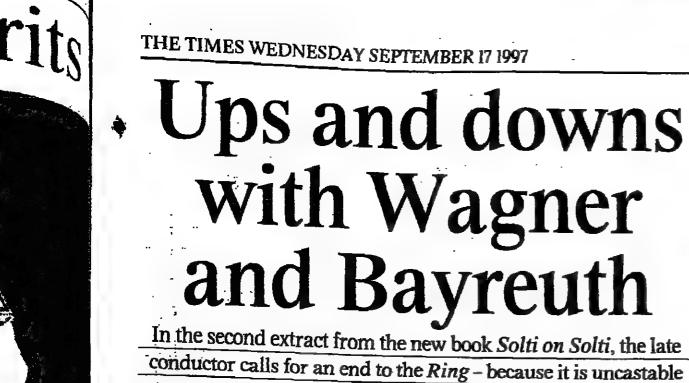
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we tend to look too much into the psychological motivation and character defects of the great composers, at the expense of really listening to the music. I am not interested in Wagner's political or philosophical ideas, or his betrayat of friends, including his father-inlaw, Franz Liszt. What interests me is the creation of his music for example, the love motif of Tristan, the miracle and completeness of the first four bars, now regarded as the epitome of love and beauty. To me, anybody who can create such beau-ty. Whether he be half-Jewish, anti-Semite, revolutionary, liberal or royalist, is first and foremost a musical genius and will remain so as long as our civilisation lasts.

The Flying Dutchman is undeniably a work of genius, and I hope that I won't shock dyed-in-the-wool Wagnerites if I admit that I prefer it to its two successors. Tannhauser and Lohengrin. Although the Dutchman as a whole is not as great as the other two, it has moments of pure genius, such as the Dutchman's monologue and Senta's ballad. The Dutchman's casting problems are similar to those of Wagner's later operas: it was conceived for big voices that could carry over a big orchestra. The Dutchman himself and Senta are the most difficult roles, thus the hardest to cast. Birgit Nilsson once told me, Senta is too difficult for me. I don't sing it." That surely is comment enough, when it comes from a singer who had a most astonishing vocal technique and range.

During the summer of 1983, I conducted the Ring at Bayreuth, in the festival theatre that Wagner himself had created and in which most of the great Wagner conductors had worked. Performing at Bayreuth ought to have been a particularly gratifying experience, but in the end it caused me endless

Since its opening in 1876, the festival has always been run by members of the Wagner family: first, the master himself, then his widow, Cosima, followed by their son. Siegfried, and then the son's British-born widow, Winifred, who was a friend and supporter of Hitler. After the war, Winifred was succeeded by her sons, Wieland and Wolfgang. Wieland, a brilliant man, died prematurely in 1966, and Wolfgang, the younger brother, assumed control by himself. He has considerable administrative ability. but his artistic talent is not equal to

The basic problem at Bayreuth was that the festival's musical standards were low because there was not enough money to pay for stars. For some years, the festival's administrators had been able to engage good East German musicians at relatively low rates: the players would come to West Germany, eat decently, buy clothes, and return home having been paid in hard currency. Then Erich Honecker, the East German leader, toughened exit restrictions and put an end to what had been a mutually beneficial procedure. As a result, by 1983 the Bayreuth orchestra was fundamentally West German. But,

> 6 The Wagner Festival has outlived its time. New thinking is needed ?

because they could not afford the best West German musicians, the orchestra had become decidedly

My biggest problem, however, was casting. Twenty years earlier, when I recorded the Ring, I had had Nilsson, Hotter and Windgassen at my disposal. The singers available to me in 1983 were not in the same league. But the main difficulty was with Reiner Goldberg, whom I had engaged to sing Siegfried. I had auditioned him first at Covent Garden and then in the Bayreuth Festspielhaus, and both times I had said to myself: "This is the voice. Not since Lauritz Melchoir has there been such a natural Heldentenor."

But what I did not know about Goldberg was that he was unable to master text. At the first stage rehearsals he was vocally magnificent, just as I had hoped, but then he became frightened and shrank away to nothing. During the dress rehearsal he was afraid to look at me. He kept turning away from me and from the audience, hoping that no one would notice that he did not know the words. There was nothing

to be done: we had to replace him. At my suggestion, Peter Hall staged the entire Ring that year. I admired Wieland Wagner's abstract productions, but I lelt that it was time to do something different. I thought it would be interesting to have a modernised, naturalistic production, one that would keep to the spirit of Wagner's instructions without being ridiculously literal. Peter and William Dudley, the designers, created a fine production, but there were many technical problems. The stage crew was made up largely of Czechs who did not understand German well, let alone English, and Peter and Bill had considerable difficulty in communicating with them. This slowed down the staging process, and even at the performances there were ludicrous technical problems. In one of the Götterdämmerung performances, for instance, the curtain went up late at the beginning of the second act, and the words "Schläfst du, Hagen, mein Sohn?" ("Are you sleeping, Hagen, my son?") were sung from

evertheless, the main problem remained the singers. It is possible to cast Meistersinger, Tristan and Parsifal these days, although with difficulty, and you can probably cast The Flying Dutchman. Tannhäuser and Lohengrin, but you cannot cast the Ring.
I am not nostalgic about the old

days. Generally speaking, Mozart operas are sung better today than in previous generations, and many works by Verdi, Puccini and others can be cast better than ever. Where, three generations ago, was there a tenor with Domingo's versatility, musicality and intelligence? But with respect to the Ring, there is no dramatic soprano capable of singing Brünnhilde, no Heldentenor capable of singing Siegfried, and no Wagner bass-baritone capable of singing Wotan as the parts should

What, then, should Wolfgang Wagner do? Close the Festspielhaus? On the contrary, he ought to open it further. Wagner intended it as a centre not only for his own works but for German opera in general. Why not perform Weber's operas, Strauss's operas, Henze's operas, Pfitzner's Palestrina, Hindemith's Mathis der Maler? Abolish Wagnerism as a religion and let some fresh air into the theatre, as Wagner wanted. The Wagner Festival as such has outlived its time and new thinking is needed.

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London, where he is now attempting to reinvent himself

His first big British gig showed how far he has come. Earlier this year I saw him play in Israel to an audience of 10.000, mostly screaming teenage girls. Dressed in leather and heavily made up - a cross between Prince and Michael Jackson - he delivered a set full of melodramatic gestures and grandiloquent songs, all in Hebrew. It was highly professional, totally attuned to Israeli tastes, but very dated. One wondered how he would translate to a more sophisticated market.

This week we had the answer when, without make-up and with a new band, he unveiled his first Englishlanguage compositions. The heavy rock riffs are still there, but there is a stronger melodic sense and a more mature stance to songs such as Change and Alone, while the menacing edge to Here They Come and gentleness of Coffee show a growing versatility.

In his desire to win over a new audience, he is too eager to sound like a standard British rock band when a stronger diavour of his own roots would better allow him to establish his style. But he has made bold bi anyone who has enjoyed all the trappings of superstardom and is prepared to start again at the bottom deserves to succeed. The large number of record label executives in the audience suggests he soon will. NIGEL

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Maximum use of minimalism

JOHN METCALFS Vale of Glamorgan Festival, com-mendably devoted to living composers, inclines towards music of a minimalist persuasion. Fortunately, that genre is broad enough to embrace a variety of approaches, some making fruitful use of minimalist procedures alongside more conventional develop-mental processes. John Ad-ams, for example, has evolved

a more complex and engaging melodic and harmonic language in recent years, and his Violin Concerto was the most impressive piece of the concert given by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn. The soloist, here the accomplished American Kurt Nikkanen, is kept busy throughout. In the first movement, he spins an endlessly inventive line over an

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> niment, punctuated by percussion, brass and woodwind. Both here, and in the second-movement chaconne. where the soloist's soaring cantilena again dominates the exture, a little more light and shade in the orchestral detail would have enhanced its ef-

fect. But all credit to Llewellyn for keeping his forces together. not least in the toccata-like finale and exciting climax. Works by Graham Fitkin typically rejoice in pithy monosyllabic titles like Srub or Cud. The polysyllabic title, Agnostic, of his new Clarinet Concerto — a festival commis-sion receiving its world premiere - is not the only surprise. For the most part,

hammering rhythms in favour of a mobile accompaniment supporting arabesques bly played by David Campbell. There are still a couple of ungratefully percussive pas-sages, but at least they bring a timbral contrast to an otherwise little varied single-move-

The title reflects the sea of uncertainty in which Fitkin feels modern man is floundering. The work itself reflects that confusion, but it is depressing to witness the lack of vision, among so many of today's creative artists.

ment structure.

The eclectic idiom of Charlie Barber's Shut Up and Dance African and Brazilian rhythms meet Indonesian gamelan - at first grates. But about halfway through, the music acquires an irresistible momentum and there seems no alternative but to obey.

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Allotment rocker loses the plot

ragged glory, including the hymn to heartbreak that is the band's current single, Shine, and the expansive singalong anthem Billy Bones. But even these were delivered in a clumsy and sluggish manner that did scant justice to the finely

blueprints. Throughout the show, Hook gave the impression of a middle aged man who would rather be tending his allotment than striking half-hearted rock god poses.

Ultimately, it was this apparent indifference that made this show so disappointing.

For the final encore, Hook karaoke update of Failures. an ancient relic from his apprenticeship in the late Seventies post-punk legends Joy Division. Such vulgar cabaret turns at least display a healthy irreverence towards the bass player's over-mythologised past, but they still do not excuse his band's

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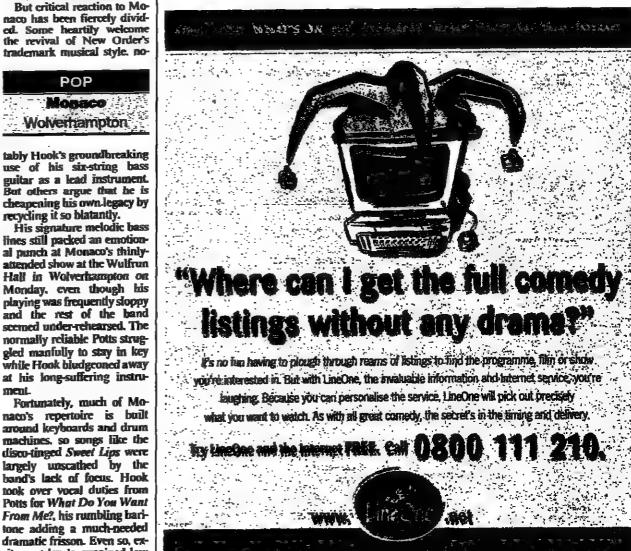
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use of his six-string bass guitar as a lead instrument. But others argue that he is cheanening his own legacy by recycling it so blatantly. His signature melodic bass

lines still packed an emotional punch at Monaco's thinlyattended show at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on Monday, even though his playing was frequently sloppy and the rest of the band seemed under-rehearsed. The normally reliable Potts struggled manfully to stay in key while Hook bludgeoned away at his long-suffering instru-

Fortunately, much of Mo naco's repertoire is built around keyboards and drum machines, so songs like the disco-tinged Sweet Lips were largely unscathed by the band's lack of focus. Hook took over vocal duties from Potts for What Do You Want From Me?, his rumbling baritone adding a much-needed dramatic frisson. Even so, excitement levels remained low and the band scarcely rose above workmanlike form.



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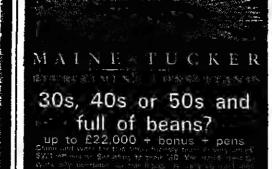
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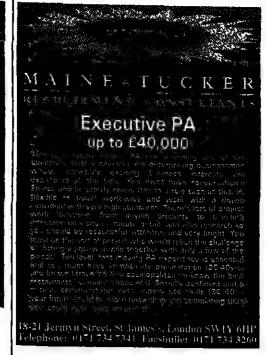
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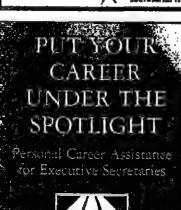
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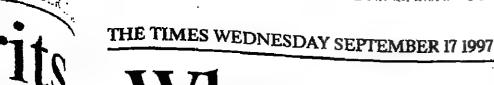
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a confession to make. remember Mary Beardwood. Unfortunately for her, Mary Beardwood remembers me. Many years ago, in the days when platform shoes and flares were making people look daft the first time around, Beardwood, or as I was only allowed to call her, Miss Beardwood, tried - and failed - to teach me netball. And lacrosse. And gym. And ath-

letics. And swimming. She had just joined the physical education department of the Lady Eleanor Holles School, in Hampton. Middlesex, her first teaching job. She was young and she was enthusiastic and we were hopeless. In those days, excellence or elite were not words normally associated with the school's performance in the sporting arena.

Nevertheless, she took one look at the netball set-up and saw potential. Quite where she saw it among the massed ranks of badly wrapped greyflannel parcels, slow-moving puddings with chapped knees who turned out morosely for the daily games lesson, was anyone's guess, but she saw it and formulated the grand plan — the first of many in her career. Little more than ten years later. Lady Eleanor Holles were beating everyone. winning the under-14, under-16 and senior national school nethall championships.

Alix Ramsay renews her acquaintance with the coach seeking world champion status for a national team

forced for years to look up to the sport's superpowers

Now aged 44, still at Lady enthusiastic as ever, she has just taken over as coach of the England senior netball squad. Bolstered by £1 million worth of National Lottery funding. announced last week, she has another grand plan, although this time the stakes are higher. The aim is to make England world champions by 2003. That is the official line, but Beardwood has her eyes set on 1999, although she is keeping quiet about that.

The money will get the first stage of the World Class Performance Plan under way and take the elite senior squad through until the Commonwealth Games next September. With Australia. South Africa and New Zealand ruling the roost in the world of netball, England have been stuck in fourth place for as long as anyone can remember. The extra funding will not only help to provide the technical back-up of nutritionists, psychologists and sports scientists, but will also pay for regular competition against southern-hemisphere teams.

"The only way to learn how to beat the Australians is to keep playing them," Beard-wood said. "We have come on so much in the past five years

that there is no real competi-Eleanor Holles and still as tion for us here anymore. We need to improve our strength and speed to keep pace with the likes of Australia for the full hour of each match."

Still, the signs are promising. On the recent tour of South Africa, England lost their three matches to the second-ranked nation in the world but it was close, with only a couple of goals separating the teams, And Beardwood is not keen on losing. Unusually, she has moved through the ranks in the England set-up, joining in 1987 with the under-los.

s a result she has grown up with the players now in her charge at the top level. "As a player I never won an international cap but either as a coach or a player I have won every domestic competi-tion," she said. "I think as a coach my strengths lie in my tactical awareness and analysis of the opposition. And I am good at motivation and I am ighly competitive."

Very rarely does she lose her temper and when she does, the players remember it. In Canada for the world youth championships last year, her under-2! side were winning silly and sloppy mistakes. Beardwood was not happy and told them so. "It was effective, they never did it again." she said. So effective were her methods that England won the bronze medal, their first trophy in years.

The first date in her diary as England coach is a trip to Malaysia with two of her players. Rubbing shoulders with coaches and athletes from all 15 Commonwealth Games sports, they will assess and prepare for the conditions they will face in Kuala Lumpur. Then it is back to school before preparing for a series of matches against the Australian Institute of Sport and New Zealand in November and December.

Strangely, as her career as an England coach has grown, so Beardwood's involvement with sport at Lady Eleanor Holles has dwindled. These days she is no longer Miss Beardwood. PE. but senior mistress and director of studies.

So, having achieved every-thing she intended over the past 20 years, how does Beardwood view her greatest failure, who sits before her, cigarette and notebook in hand? "What failure? You write about sport, you must love sport. Something must have got through from all those lessons." she said just a touch too vehemently. "I will never admit defeat."



England have embraced Beardwood's grand plan as the way to achieve their ambitions

Royce plots course to bypass Germany

By Sydney Friskin

THE England Under-21 team begin their challenge for the Junior World Cup at Milton Keynes today with a match against Japan, which will be followed on Thursday by an encounter with Egypt.

A more daunting task lies ahead on Saturday, when England will confront the holders, Germany. England lost 4-2 to them in a fournation tournament at Milton Keynes last month, but Ireland showed later that the Germans, the champions on the past four occasions, are not invincible. The Irish led 2-0 at half-time and eventually won 3-2, and no doubt Jon Royce. the England coach, took note of how the German confidence was undermined by strong running and hard tackling. On Tuesday, England will play Pakistan, a skilful side

represented their country at senior level. England's main hopes rest on Pearn and Boyse in attack, Garrard in deep defence and Mathews as an effective striker of short corners. Behind them are two reliable goal-

keepers, Ebsworth and Tay-

with seven players who have

The team has persevered in spite of injuries and the loss of players who have passed the age limit since training started about 15 months ago. Their best result was the bronze medal success at the European under-21 championship in Vejle, Denmark, last September, and the preparations ended on a note of high hope with an 8-0 win against Bel-gium at Milton Keynes in August.

Australia, who defeated England 6-0 and 3-1 at the same venue, seem the strongest side in pool A, with India and Holland as the other likely contenders for a place in the semi-finals.

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RACING: STOUTE PREPARES GUINEAS WINNER FOR RETURN WITH RACECOURSE GALLOP

Entrepreneur on trial at Ascot

By CHRIS MCGRATH

IT IS almost as though an amnesty has been declared for racing's 'most wanted' equine fugitives. Revoque and Bahhare, those dream machines with broken axles, resurfaced at Doncaster last Friday and now it appears that they will be joined in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, at Ascot on Saturday week, by none other than Entrepreneur.

Entrepreneur earned comparisons with the greats after heating Revoque in the 2,000 Guineas in May, but subsequently failed when odds on for the Derby. This morning he puts his head over the parapet for the first time since, with a reconnaissance gallop at Ascot. The readiness of Michael Stoute, his trainer, to give the press advance notice

RICHARD EVANS

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represents not merely contrition for the colt's secret visit to Sandown in the spring, It is also a measure of the confidence that has now returned to Entrepreneur's work on Newmarket Heath.

Stoute will certainly have cause for satisfaction if Entrepreneur can match the revival of his old foe. Revogue. Unraced since the Irish 2000 Guineas, where he had like-wise proved a damp squib. Revoque looked in fine condition at Doncaster and dismissed Bahhare, the other leading two-year-old of last season, with some pomp.

But Bahhare was himself making his first appearance since the corresponding fixture the previous year, having heen nursed back from a stress fracture of the pelvis. Yesterday his trainer, John



Frankie Dettori pushes Abreeze clear in the EBF Grass Widows Maiden Stakes at Sandown Park yesterday

Dunlop, said: "Initially I was disappointed that he was beaten, because he had worked very well indeed beforehand. Perhaps we had all got a bit carried away by that. In fact, I suppose it was a very respectable effort, on his first run in 12 months, and he has been moving better since the race rather than the other way

round, which is a great relief." But John Reid, rider of Revoque, is optimistic not only of confirming that form with Bahhare — but also of avenging his fast-finishing Guineas defeat. "Revoque has only done a couple of canters since Doncaster, but he has come

out of the race well. It will have done him good in every

The chastening experiences of these three high-class animals - prompting such slander of the classic generation, during a vintage summer for older horses - will, no doubt, be forgotten as punters weigh up the next crop of classic contenders. Their latest temptation is Abreeze, a Danzig colt who was quoted at 25-1 for the 2,000 Guineas by Coral after overcoming his inexperience to win his maiden by five lengths from the useful Dark Moondancer at Sandown yes-

trainer to Saced bin Surour, acknowledged that this was one of Godolphin's better twoyear-olds. "He is a bit green, but he has scope and has showed us plenty of talent in the mornings," he said. "I was pretty confident, as he has always worked better than the horse who won for us at Nottingham on Monday. He was impressive, and I guess that the Dewhurst will now be

Tom Albertrani, assistant

The colt was Godolphin's tenth juvenile winner of the season, but even with that success. Frankie Dettori is eight winners adrift of Kieren

Fallon in the jockeys' championship, Fallon reaching 147 with a Yarmouth double. The Tote now rate Dettori a 2-l chance to regain his title, with Fallon 11-4 on.

Lingfield. Wolverhampton and Southwell have paid the price for their poor performance in the merit table of racecourses' own contributions to prize-money. The Levy Board yesterday announced changes to the way it calculates its Basic Daily Rate grants to racecourses, giving the merit table a more significant role. As a result, Lingfield's is down by as much as 10.3 per cent.

SANDOWN PARK

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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Timekeeper's top rating: 2.45 RED RABBIT. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Majalis. 3.20 Setteen.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SURBITON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

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	103			HOH JUSTICE 23 (V) (D Albort) Balding 8-9	
	104	(15)		ALGEBRA (R Barrerd) R Hannon 8-6	
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.,	109	(8)	3	MAJALES 9 (C Miles) A Guest 8-4 P Biographic	- 3
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	111	(13)		FORM AT LAST (Mrs & Bassell) W Haggas 8-1 BOURTFUL	
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	!13	(1)	30	TULLICH REFRAIN 9 (J. Larrassay) W Mar 8-1 R Millers (5)	
	114	(10)		MERCH RHYD-Y-GRUG (D Williams) D Williams 7-12 , P Cleary (7)	
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CALL TO ORDER may appreciate time return to live furtings

2.45 ERF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

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FORM FOCUS

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3.20 SANDOWN FUTURITY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O £4.460: 1m 14yd) (4 runners)

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Gee Bez Draem 8½1 13th to Jornocks in 71 Goodwood hered-cap (good). Royale Rose 161 14th to Largesse or Inst/151 Haydock hardicap (good) to Minist 131 10th to Shawm in 1m Sandown hardicap (good to solt). Hits 181 10th to Aways On My Mind in 64 Warnick maden (solf). Musicatama 121 13th to Victory Team in 71 Follestone handicap (good).

SUMMEROSA, who broke her rounder tog at Epsom last time, can win again 4.55 WILLOW CLAIMING STAKES

(£3,	190:	51 6yq)	(20 runners)	
661	(14)	0-6	TASHKENT & (Mass J Ryaniotis) R Svaggan 5-9-5 M Gallagher	
602			VENTURE CAPITALIST 7 (F.S) (W Sweet) B Nichols 8-9-5 Alex Greates	109
603			PALACEGATE TOUCH 18 (8,CD.F.G.S) (Land Ltd. J Bony 7-9-0 P Robots (5)	86
604			ICE AGE 28 (B.BF.D.F) (P Charter) R YABrans 3-8-8 T Chains	93
606	£10s	0065400	ROBELLION 6 (D.F) (6 Thompson) D Astudenti 6-8-7 T Speake	- 84
605			FEATHERSTONE LANE 9 (D.F) (D Parker) Mess L Saddal 6-8-8 D R McCabe	95
807	611	2146000	INTIAASH 9 (D.F.S) (5 Howard Thomas) D Haydo Jones 5-8-6 . S Drowne	17
506			JUSTIMANUS 27 (IS Facall) J Bridger 5-8-6 Paul Editory	71
609	ED1	-005000	IMPOSING TIME 12 (V.D.F.G) (J Harmo) Gay Kellenay 6-8-5 . Dane O'Hell	86
610	7	2400054	HEVER THINK TWICE 12 (V.F) IN hory I hory 4-8-5 M Advens	86
611	1981	1453000	LITTLESTONE ROCKET 6 (B.D.F) (1 Baley) W May 3-8-4 Martin Dayer	- 84
612			JOHN OTIREAMS 29 (D.F.G.S) (1 History) Mrs A 1999 12-8-3 A Clark	- 80
613	140	055550	LOGIE PERT LAD 209 (U. Smith) J. Stronger 5-8-3 R Bireland (7)	- 84
614	127	2235000	PALO BLANCO 13 (D.F.G.S.) (A Road) G.L. Moore 6-8-3 . Cardy Works	1112
615	6981	266300	WINDRUSH BOY 6 (D.F.G.) Aless C Common; N R Bostey 7-8-3. Amore Cook (S)	91
616	1171	non one	DOZEN ROSES 29 (Custom Facing) J Long 3-8-1	84
	[2]	225/2124	MA VIELLE POUGNE 9 (D) (Jersey Syndrose) W G M Turner 3-8-0 R Marten (S)	79
617		3300139	COPENNAGEN 47 (1 Sharp) J Akehurs 3-7-13	
618	(20)	U	ANELIA JANE 39 (Pinte Grant L. Montague Hall 3-7-12 A Polit (5)	
619	(100)	0004040	HYPE ENERGY 12 (B) (9 shoothdeld) G Lews 3-7-11	93
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1996: PALACEGATE TOUCH 6-8-9 G Carter (6-1) J Berry 13 cm FORM FOCUS

| Vertice Capitalist 4'9| 10m to Dashing Blue in 5%| Doncaster handicap (good to furth) | Palacepate Touch 10t 80t to Westcourt haspic in 5f Chester handicap (soft) for Age meck 3rd in Gay Breeze in 5t Leicester handicap (good) with John O'Draewes (13h) noises off) 13f 11th Featherstone Lane 3f 2nd to Palacepate Jack in 5f Southwell claimer (AW) Justinamus 5%1 4th to hony's Grab Hire in 5f Brighton handicap (good) Never Think Touce 3% 4th to King Uno in 6f Haydock selling handicap (good to soft) with imposing Time (6th worse with 113th and Hype Energy (18 better off) 16f 16th Pala Blaeco 7% 18th to La Modrise in 7f Salebury Rifes; handicap (good to soft) in the North Pala Blaeco 18th 18th of La Modrise in 7f Salebury Rifes; handicap (good to soft) in North Polacepate 18th 4th to Mori Bruce in 5f Southwell claimer (AW)

VENTURE CAPITALIST, dropped in class, should prove for too good for these make 5.25 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,207: 1m 6l) (16 numers)

1 (16) 2051535 TANAPEN 42 (D.F) (T Stephen) 3 Dowr 4-18-0 R Notes (13) 1420012 GALAPINO 18 (F) (Gentate Pattership LD) Gay Edicary 4-9-13 R Notes (13) 1420012 GALAPINO 18 (F) (Gentate Pattership LD) Gay Edicary 4-9-13 R Notes (13) 172 5460500 CASHAL (NARE ST 6F, 6) (E LOADING A National 6-9-7 S Drowte (17) 466151 LD0KOUT 7 (D.G) (R Hollingshigh) B Hists 3-9-6 (4ee) Pat Editory (17) 466151 LD0KOUT 7 (D.G) (R Hollingshigh) B Hists 3-9-6 (4ee) Pat Editory (17) 460230 LHR STREET RUSES 7 (S) Ruse Tarmarship 1 Notific 6-9-4 S Ruse (17) 460230 LHR STREET RUSES 7 (S) Ruse Tarmarship 1 Notific 6-9-4 S Ruse (17) 460230 LHR STREET RUSES 7 (S) Ruse Tarmarship 1 Notific 6-9-4 S Ruse (17) 460230 LHR STREET RUSES 7 (S) Ruse Tarmarship 1 Notific 6-9-4 S Ruse (17) 400340 SUPEREISH CREST 27 RF) (MR S Sament E Houge 4-9-9 Dana (Tholl 19) 545-04 STAR RUTEN 9 L Windows (1) Cooper 3-9-5 C Ruller (10) 404500 CAS RES BURNING 32 RF) B Case (1) C Gover 3-9-5 R History (10) 445-501 CAS RES BURNING 32 RF) B Case (1) C Gover 3-9-5 R History (10) 404500 BROWNALLOW 25 (8) (F Chartes) Hist Maring 4-7-10 N Caretar (10) 400400 BROWNALLOW 25 (8) (F Chartes) Hist Maring 4-7-10 N Caretar (14) 400060 CHRLENGER 25 (6) Ris K Osersan Hist S Wilson 3-7-10 N Backet (7) Romandar (14) 400060 CHRLENGER 25 (6) Ris K Osersan Hist S Wilson 3-7-10 N Caretar (14) 400060 CHRLENGER 25 Ris E Sincert (14) 400060 CH g O'Danoine (3)

Long handicapt Brostoffon 7-6, heen Water, 7-3, Challenger 6-13 SETTING: 9-2 Lookent, 6-1 Galagno, 7-1 Cardies Burning, 8-1 Beauchamp Lion. Veronica Franco, Tany, 12-1 Turnies Sovercon Crest Respirate, 14-1 others 1906 NO CORNESPONDE PACE

Tawafek, 111 5th to Durham in 196m Varmouth handicap (good to firm). Galophon 1967 2nd his Specing Light in 196m Sandown handicap (soil). Lookout head Burham 1961 in 196m Karraton handicap (soil). Lookout head Burham 1961 in 196m Karraton in 196m Folkestone hand:— "Gand in firm, Sovereign Creat 7991 of the Serious Install California Handicap (good to firm). Sovereign Creat 7991 of the Serious Install California Handicap (good to firm). Sovereign Creat 7991 of the Serious Install California Handicap (good fo firm) firm 196m (good). Castles Burning beat Freedom Chance Tyom Angelon handicap (good to firm). Keepssale 4991 of the Love Me Do in 196m (feet castles in Angelon handicap (good to firm). So in Beauchamp Lum (2th heter good to firm). Look Beauchamp Lum (2th heter good to firm). Look Beauchamp Lum (2th heter good to firm).

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bevanley, 2.25 Moonlight Fir, Torn, Western Lord. 4.00 The Fuelologist Sandown Park: 2.15 Hoh. Justice. 4.25 Royale Rosc, Indo. 4.55 Ice Age Yapnouth: 2.35 Bobbit, Generous Present, Mr Rough, Reeds. 4.45 Flying Permant

Fabre tells **Niarchos** family to

remove its horses

IN THE aftermath of the defeat of Peintre Celebre in last Sunday's Prix Niel at Longchamp, it was announced yesterday that André Fabre, the colt's trainer, has ordered the removal of a quartet of horses owned by the Niarchos family from his Chantilly yard. Alan Cooper, representing

the family which retains Asmussen, said: "The Niarchos family are complying with a request from Mr Fabre to remove the four horses they have in his stable on the grounds that it is not possible to have horses in training with someone who does not want them." Peintre Celebre's jockey.

Olivier Peslier, publicly blamed the tactics of Cash Asmussen, who was riding the Niarchos-owned Ithaki, for the shock defeat of his mount in Sunday's trial for next month's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

On Monday. Fabre was reported as saying that he would no longer employ Asmussen on the Niarchosowned horses that he trains. Fabre, who himself retained Asmussen between 1989 and 1991, claimed the incident had nothing to do with his decisign not to use Asmussen. Peintre Celebre, who looked a most unlucky loser. continues to attract support for the Arc, Coral cutting the

Nureyev colt, together with last Saturday's Irish Champion Stakes winner Pilsudski, from 4-1 to 7-2 In contrast, last year's Arc winner, Helissio, the mount

of Dominic Boeuf, is friendless in the market and was pushed out from 11-4 to 7-2 by Coral, making three cofavourites. "There is serious confidence in Pilsudski and Peintre Celebre." Simon Clare, the Coral spokesman,

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from 41 numers, 56.1%; L Currant, 8 from 23, 34 %; J Gooden, 4 from 14, 28 6%, M Bell, 9 from 34, 26 5%, A Stewart, 5 from 19, sen, 9 nom 34, 20 %, A 36997, 3 nom 19, 26 3%, M. Ware, 5 hom 22, 22 ?%, Jookays: K. Darley, 62 miners from 265 ndss, 23 4%, M. Ferston, 15 hom 72, 20 8%, D Holland, 11 hom 64, 17 2%, J. Carrell, 17 hom 112, 15 2%, J. Wesser, 23 hom 152, 15 1%, F. Norion, 4 hom 33, 12,1%.

YARMOUTH: Trainmer S by Surror, 4 winners from 7 runnars, 57 1%; H Cocil, 22 from 94 23.4%; D Loder, 12 from 52, 23 1%; M Jonnston, 8 from 93, 20.5%; J Hills, 5 from 27, 18.5%; I Cumant, 13 from 73, 17.8%, Jockeys; P P Murphy, 3 winners from 6 ndes, 50 0%; S Carson, 3 from 176, 17 0%; W Pylan, 23 from 140, 16.4%; Emma O'Gorrem, 5 from 31, 16.1%; M Henry, 4 from 26, 15 4%.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.05 GOLDEN JUBILEE CHALLENGE TROPHY (2) 6550 SECRET ALY 25 (CD.F.G) C British 1-9-10 W Ryan 94 (D. S.C.) D Bullettink 25 (CD.F.G) L British 1-9-10 W Ryan 95 (CD.F.G) R Ryan 95 (CD.F

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2.35 NEWTON SELLING STAKES

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3	(B) (X)	P BRIGHT DESERT 170 M Wave 4-9-3 _ A Wheten (3)	
4		D GENERALIS PRESENT 53J (BJF) J # Pages 4-9-3	
	6-4	6 Carter	
5	(P) 2	5 PEGASUS BAY 6 Miss A Smithtenes 6-9-1 R Cochrane 6	ŧ
6		6 RUNG SYMBOL 5 (D.F) U Planstord 6-9-3 J Opiny 4	
7		O SALTANDO 6 (F) Pai Minchell 6-9-3 _ Amenda Sanders (5) 4	í
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12		5 QUARTERSTAFF 40 C YALII 3-8-71 S Sanders Bi	ī
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2.35 (Im 2/21yz) 1, Entice (D Holland, 15-8 fay); 2, Mechhed (8-1), 3, Bombazine (6-1) 8 ran 3-1, 241, S bin Surpor Tole 23.60, 51.10, 52.40, 52.40 DF: \$10.90 CSF: £16.49

2.40 (54 43yd) 1, Spender (D Holland, 14-1); 2, Luseary Society (12-1); 3, That Man Again (10-1) Bartarman Beauty 9.4 fev 13 ran, Nk, 1) P Hame Tote: £16 10, £3 50, £3 50, £3 30 DF £52 60, Teo £219.30 CSF: £158.57 Trioasi, £1,044.98

4.15 (7) 3yd) 1, Gymorak Premiere (K Fallon, 13-B tart); 2, Shornaine (10-1); 3, Shashi (14-1) 19 ran NF My Godson Nk, 91 G Holmes Toter 22 60° £190, £3,30, £560 DF £12 40 Tho: £45,90 CSF:

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Sandown Park Going: good to firm

2.15 (5) 6yd) 1, Bilss (J Ounn, 10-1); 2, Hop Carry (7-2), 3, Golden Strategy (3-1). Gussy Moth 11-4 Lav. 7 ran, NR: Jack Ruby, 51, 24-1 Mrs. P. Dutfield. Tota: 211-40; 23-40, C2-40, QF- 213-00 CSF, 241.13 Tricast, 2120-68 2.45 (7 16)(d) 1, Abresse (I. Dettoli, 7-2); 2, Dark Moondancer (5-4 law), 3, Peel, Path (9-1) 13 ren 5; 21, 5 bin Suroor Tole 54/20, £1 80, 51 10, 52 40 DF: £3 70 Tuo: £6/40 CSF: \$7.05.

S20 (71 l6yd) 1, Mujova (A Culhane, 16-1).
2, Rehase To Lose (10-1): 3, Howards (11-4 law), 13 ran 11, nk II Hollinshead Tole (17-80, 13-10, CSF 140 71 After a Stewards urgury, the result stood (17-10) \$2.0 (18-10) \$1.0 (18-10 Sewends' requiry, the result shoot 9.50 (1m 14yd) 1, Abajany JJ Fortune, 7-1; Richard Evens's napy, 2, Mr Paradise (14-1); 3, Sheer Face (14-1), 4, Mantles Punce (8-1); First Chono (13-21av 18 ran 2), 1-1 Mr Channon Totle: \$10.90, 62.30, 62.30, 62.350, \$1.80 (0F £117.90, Teor £469.40, CSF: \$83.71 Treast; £7.301.44

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4.25 (1m 21 7yd) 1, Flagathip (T Sprake, 14-1); 2, Tonghi's Pico (6-4 fav); 3, Meszana (9-1) 11 min MR London Lights 22, 114 W Ham Tote: \$23 30; \$2 50, \$1,10, \$1.90 DF \$41.70. Tillo '956 00 CSF \$33 27
4.55 (51 6yd) 1, Rapid Reliance (R Firench, 25-1); 2, Picoponi (7-2); 3, Junior Mulfin (5-1) Happy Days Again 11-10 tax 13 tan NR, Demier Cross, Dover Soul Tak, MJ, D Basorth Tote: \$26 90; \$2 70, \$1.80, \$1.70. DF: \$22 70 Tino, \$138 60. CSF \$100 09
5.25 (1m 21 7vd) 1, Rock The Barney (A 5.25 (Im 2) 7yd) 1, Rock The Berney (A Nicrolle 8-1), 2, Law Dancer (20-1); 3, Taper (16-1), 4, Ring The Chief (8-1) Zernalek 4-1 lay 19 ran NR, Jona Holley 2, 11 M Usher, Tope, 28-90; 62:20, 66-00, 64-10, 52-10, DF 5117-30. Trio: £765-00 CSF \$165.86. Tripast 52,358-16

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Placepot: £374.50. Quedpot: £121.80. Sedgefield Going: good to firm 2.25 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Charity Crusader (P Niven, 8-11 lav), 2, Salis Legend (5-1), 3, Peachy Beach (13-2) 8 ran 3-4, 91 Mrs M Reveley Tole: \$2.20, \$1.40, \$1.80 \$1.30 DF: \$3.50, CSF \$5.21, Incast: \$13.78.

2.55 (2m 1) chi 1, Fatehelkhelr (C McCormack, 11-8 lavi, 2, Moneco Gold (15-8), 3, Mr Monegue (10-1), 12 rah Nr. Lord Of The Rings Sh Ind, 111 B Elfson Tote (2-40, 5:1 (0, 12) (0, 12) 0 DF (2-10) Tino: CS 40 CSF E4 57 180: £5 40 CSF £4 57 3.20 (2m 110 yd ch) 1, Suns Leef [E Calleghan, 11-8 lav], 2, Battery Fired (11-2) 3, Lauray General (14-1) 7 ran 10, 101, J Selferson Tore £2 20, £1.30 £3.20, DF-£4 60 CSF-£9 32 14 60 CST 1932 4.00 (2m St chi 1, Newhall Prince (T Elev, 14-1) 2. The Toaster (11-2) 3. Russian Castle (16-1) Lochmagrain 4-5 (ev 5 ran 8). 21. A Streeter. Toter 221 10: 23-20, 21-90. DF £28.10 CSF 572.25. 4.35 (2m 1) 1, Country Orchid (G Lee, 2-5 lev); 2, Noruce (7-1); 3, Sot Clerks (4-1), 4 ran 5t, 1 let Mrs M Reveley Tate; £1.20 DF; £2.50 CSF £3.69.

250 CSF 250 This 1, Corpl Island (P Carberry, 11-10 lev), 2, Paldost (10-1), 3, Sabre Dancer (14-1), 10 ran, 141, 101 J FitsGerald Tote, 51,70 ct 50, 53 00, 24 50, DF 58 70, Tno 527 50; CSF 515.41.

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SAILING: PARTNERSHIP WITH CONNOR MAKES WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Dickson puts final touch to Whitbread challenge

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

HAVING triumphed at the ILC Maxi world championships on Sayonara in Sardinia over the weekend, Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, was back in the autumn sunshine on the Solent yesterday, pushing his Whitbread 60.

Toshiba, through its paces.
As befits this notoriously intense, aggressive but also successful skipper, the workrate was impressive. Even though up to ten guests were on board, including the team's boss, Dennis Conner, Dickson and his crew hoisted seven headsails and spinnakers in less than two hours.

For Dickson, it was a chance to get back to making final checks on the sails that he has selected for the first leg of the nine-leg Whitbread Round the World Race, which starts from Cowes on Sunday and takes the ten-boat fleet to Cape Town, by way of two turning marks off the Brazilian coast. With eight of the hulls designed by Bruce Farr and with the rigs closely matched. this is going to be the most competitive of all the Whitbread races, yet Dickson is among the favourites. His link with Conner, his old rival. who is likely to sail on only

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the two shortest legs, has produced a well funded and well planned campaign that has a winning feel about it.

With Conner's not inconsiderable pulling power with sponsors, the money (up to \$8 million of it) arrived in April last year. This enabled Dickson and Conner to start work with Farr well ahead of some of their rivals, while also allowing for tanktesting of different hull options. The other significant advantage was that the Toshiba campaign enjoyed the first pick of the best Whitbread sailors in the world and has stuck with them through a long build-up.

COMPANY GOLF DAYS



Dalton: rival

Although the money is from the United States and the sail number is USA-I, just about everything else involved is from either Australia or New Zealand, Among the 12-strong crew on Toshiba are four New Zealanders. six Australians plus one Canadian and a lone Briton, Paul Standbridge, who is starting his fifth Whitbread and will be contributing an occasional column for The Times during the race.

project manager, has watched At the wheel. Dickson has a the Conner-Dickson partnerpedigree that includes three ship develop over the past two match-racing world champi-onships, eight other world years. "It was obvious that Chris did the best job of all the championships and the expeskippers in the last race, so Dennis wanted him," he said. "Both like to run a lean and mean programme and the relationship between them is excellent. There is a lot of mutual respect and their management styles are very similar - a lot of attention to

> Other leading challengers in the race include Grant Dalton, of New Zealand, in Merit Cup, and Lawrie Smith. of Great Britain, in Silk Cut, who would make the most of any mistakes or misfortune on rival yacht. As Connor pointed out: "If you break a mast or mainsail on an important leg, you're pretty

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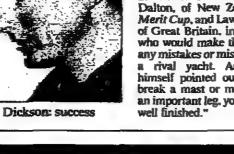
gator's berth is filled by An-

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Season that peaked in June

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lease excuse non-appearance in week. I had, in fact, invited to attend a special ceremony organised by English Heritage, who unveiled a blue plaque at the London residence of George Formby, the "ukulele man". broke into a spirited rendition of his much-loved Forties hit, Mr Woo's an Air-Raid Warden Now. Just

For one more week, before kick-ball completely takes over the world, permit some season that will wind up on Sunday night with either Kent or Glamorgan as couny champions. It seems more likely that Kent will breast the tape, but nobody would complain much if Glamorgan stuck out their chests.

My April speculation bagged a pheasant or two, and some sparrows. Glenn McGrath was indeed the Australia won the Test series 3-2, but that was the easy bit. Mark Waugh did not make a score, and John Crawley failed to graduate to the ranks of the very good. Surrey did not win the championship, and Derbyshire got nowhere near Lord's. Did I really say they would? Deary me!

Derbyshire's season was a tale of woe from beginning to end, and the echoes are still



Warne remains a "high definition" performer

audible. Sussex's failure was more predictable, though their performance against Middlesex in May was unpardonably poor. Mind you, Surrey's effort last week ainst Lancashire was dreadful, and they had no

It was not a vintage season. The weather in June saw to that, and coming after the most glorious May in memory, it was all the more disappointing. The Ashes series was good, not great, and the one-day finals were too one-sided to make compelling viewing. You could say the real emotional climax came at Edgbaston in the first week of June, with that giddy victory in the opening Test. The first morning at Birmingham was the really outstanding memory of the summer, until it evaporated like a morning haze. Still, it felt good while it lasted and Nasser Hussain's brilliant double hundred in that match was the innings of the eason. The innings of his

The best bowling came not at Lord's in the next Test, when McGrath took eight wickets, but one match later at Old Trafford when Shane Warne bamboozled England into submission. England should have won that match and gone 2-0 up in the series. When Australia needed his wickets, however, Warne supplied them. It is precisely

performance, to quote Ken Tynan, that continues to separate the sides.

There are other memories: Decker Curry, of Ireland, charging Angus Fraser in the first over of a Benson and Hedges Cup tie in Dublin; Stuart Law in bobby-dazzling form at Colchester against Leicestershire; Peter Such bowling 86 overs in an innings in the same match, the most ever bowled in championship history: Paul Franks becoming the youngest Nottinghamshire player to do the hat-trick; Monte Lynch making a NatWest hundred at Uxbridge on one leg: Darren Lehmann cutting Somerset to ribbons at Taunton: Waqar Younis supervising Glamorgan's stupendous one-wicket win in the NatWest Trophy over Yorkshire after he was dropped on

Underpinning the shifts of fortune there were some constant factors, Kent bottled another cup final, the Headingley Test was hi-jacked by show-offs in the crowd, Durham remained a disaster zone for batsmen, and Charles Colvile picked up the Cherry Blossom award (for coating G Hick's boots with the question: "How badly do you want to get back in the England

Some men made a mark for the first time. At Test level Dean Headley looked the part, and Ben Hollioake had his moments early in the season. Ashley Cowan got the nod for West Indies. Dougie Brown, though not a youngster, had a terrific year at Warwickshire. We should also hear a bit more of Paul Hutchison, Andrew Flintoff and Owais Shah.

The real mystery, though, is: whatever became of Professor Crump? This fine entertainer was on duty at Surrey's first Sunday game and wasn't seen or heard of again until, last week, it was revealed that he intends to return to cricket, to "bring joy", as he put it, "to those who have none". He has put in for the chief executive's job at Lancashire.

Until the next time, then,

DRUGS IN SPORT

Weightlifters given funding ultimatum

BRITISH weightlifters and I understand that attempts EYEBROWS are being raised if he is to book a place at powerlifters are being given a have been made at squad in the sport of bowls, where a Stevenage, where 32 players final chance to improve their drug-testing record or face the withdrawal of public funds from their sport (John Goodbody writes).

Nearly one in three British lifters were unavailable when urine samples were required last year, while, of those who were tested, a total of 16 committed drugs offences more than in any other sport. Michele Verroken, of the

United Kingdom Sports Council (UKSC) will warn the **British Amateur Weightlifters**' Association (BAWLA) at its meeting on Saturday that she would "want to be assured of improvements to be made immediately. We have got to do something now, we cannot wait a year.'

sessions to single out the lifters to be tested by the drug sampling officers, rather than allowing the independent officers to select which competitors should give urine samples. In all sports, the UKSC, rather than the national governing body, has the right to decide which competitors should be tested. BAWLA officials have apparently wanted to choose those ath-

they were "clean". Hymic Binder, the BAWLA chairman, said: "We have done everything we can over the last 30 years to eradicate drug-taking. We have asked for as many tests as the UKSC can provide."

letes, who were about to lift

abroad, to make certain that

BOWLS

Play-offs pair upset established order

woman, Sandy Hazell, and a man in a wheelchair, George Ridgeon, have won their opening matches in the Professional Bowls Association (PBA) play-offs on the road to next year's world indoor championships in Preston (David Rhys Jones writes).

Hazell defeated Keith Gates in straight sets at the Mote Park indoor club in Kent and will play in the England qualifier at Stevenage from October 2-1. Ridgeon, a tetraplegic, beat Rob Stanley, who played for England in

July, by three sets to one. Ridgeon, who broke his neck fighting a fire 16 years ago, will need to beat another England player. Les Gillett, in a second pre-qualifying game

will compete for one place in the world event.

The English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA), which will be running the qualifier with the PBA is willing to accept Ridgeon but not Hazell. David Brown, the EIBA

secretary, said yesterday: "Our constitution excludes women from membership. We don't believe that women should play in the men's world championship because they have their own event. I've nothing against mixed bowls, and would encourage the involvement of women in various invitation events, but if men asked to be included in the women's championships. we'd be told what we could do with our entry forms."

FOR THE RECORD

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REAL TENNIS

MORTEN MORRELL: Lady Hamilton Championship: Quarter-finats: 5 Jones to J Grundy 6-0; L Cusworth bt A Disley 6-5, S Holland bt E Holland 6-5; J Stoan to C Doon

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REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Comwall 34 Crowshays Welsh VV 48

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ELITE LEAGUE: Wolvertrampton 40 East-bourne 50; Peterborough 41 Ipswich 49 PREMIER LEAGUE: Reading 52 Newport 38; Exeter 57 Isle of Wight 33

TOKYO: Women's tournament: First round: R Hiraki (Japan) bt Y roshida (Japan) 64, 6-1; Y Basuk (Indo) bt S Pitoresie (Fi) 7-5, 7-6; I Tanasugam (Thailing M Market) Ptikowski (i bt. M. M.) Sugherna (6-3.

IN BRIEF

Return to Hickstead criticised

SIMON BROOKS-WARD. the director of the Royal Windsor Horse Show, has criticised the British Show Jumping Association after learning yesterday of its decision to give the 1998 British Nations Cup event back to Hickstead. Brooks-Ward, who saved the Cup this year by hosting it at Windsor, said: Memories are extremely short at the BSJA. We were told verbally in April that we would keep the Nations Cup if we did a good job."

CRICKET: Essex, the Nat-West Trophy holders, face a trip to Cheshire in the first round next year after the draw yesterday. Should they beat Cheshire, they must then travel to play Dorset or Hampshire in the second round.

TENNIS: Sam Smith, of Essex, has become the first British woman for three years to reach the world's top 100 in the latest list issued by the Women's Tennis Association this week. Smith has reached No 97, a career high.

GOLF: Russell Claydon, of Cambridge, will make his England debut in the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews on October 16-19. He joins Lee Westwood and Mark James in the England team.

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'You should always try to work out new ways of doing things'

Ideas man with hands on the helm

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ARGUMENTS will rumble for many a day over the merits of Clive Woodward, who was confirmed yesterday as England's new coach in succession to Jack Rowell, but nobody can doubt his pedigree. As a player. Woodward was exposed, directly or indirectly, to three of the world's leading coaches and, if he has not absorbed something from the experience, then England are indeed lost.

It will be suggested that the game has moved on a great deal since the 1970s and 1980s, when Woodward was in his pomp, but that does not make irrelevant the qualities of man-management and technique that have taken, among others, New Zealand to the front of the world game. Nor would many suggest that Jim Greenwood, Chalkie White and Alan Jones have not kept in touch with rugby union's developments.

Greenwood, the former Scotland No 8 and one of the most radical thinkers on the game that Great Britain has produced, coached the young Woodward during his four years at Loughborough University; from there, he joined Leicester, where White was coaching the club to four successive cup finals, which established them as the premier side in the country.

When Woodward moved to work in Sydney, he joined Manly, from whom the Australian Rugby Union had plucked Jones to coach the national team to a grand-slam tour of Britain in 1984 and a series win in New Zealand two years later. Not only did he experience the techniques of the formidablyorganised Jones, he came up against the Randwick team coached by Bob Dwyer (now the Leicester director of rugby), which set the standard for Australia's domestic rugby throughout the decade. The thread common to those coaches was their requirement that players should keep an open mind, that they should be capable of making the right deci-sions and standing by them.

Both as a student and at Leicester, Woodward was part of exceptional teams: Loughborough then were a match for many senior clubs while Leicester, before Woodward's departure, could field a back division of whom six had played for England and whose quality offered a perfect stage for Woodward, fast and elusive, to weave a mercurial magic.

"Jim was even further ahead of his time in that, as a forward, he had such a good understanding of paid £300 for each Wednesday back play." Woodward said, "but, training session in Edinburgh.

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Woodward will introduce a new approach for England on the international stage. Photograph: David Rogers/Allsport

when I played in representative it became frustrating because other coaches did not have similar ideas." England, when Woodward was collecting his 21 caps at centre, were coached by Mike Davis; he also toured twice with the British Isles, to South Africa in 1980, under Noel Mur-

THE 18 England-based members

of Scotland's international rugby

union squad are threatening to boycott training at Murrayfield in

a dispute over payments (Mark Souster writes). The players will meet Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) officials today at the first training

In a letter last week to Bill

Watson, the SRU's new chief

executive, the players said that

they were unhappy about being paid £300 for each Wednesday

session of the season.

phy, who used him as a wing and goalkicker, and New Zealand in 1983, coached by Jim Telfer.

In 1985, he moved to Australia for five years, though the only coachhe did was as a senior player with lower-grade teams. "That experience confirmed for me that you should never be stuck in your

Senior internationals based in

England last year received retain-

ers of £15,000 and are seeking a

The letter was signed by Andy

Nicol, the Bath captain. The players, who also include Gregor Townsend, Alan Tail, Doddie

Weir, Gary Armstrong, Kenny Logan and Eric Peters, claim that.

in contrast, Ireland internationals

based in England have negotiated

contracts of between £9,000 and

similar amount this season.

approach, you should always try to work out new ways of doing things, keep being creative," Woodward said. "Otherwise, you might as well not be there. The way Randwick played, with the Ella brothers and Campese, was totally new to me."

He came home to England eager to put into practice his concept of

Scotland exiles demand pay increase

"Why should we be the poor relations? If they [the SRU] insist that we won't get any more money. we wili stav awav.

English clubs are also concerned that they are not covered financially should their Scottish players be injured during international training. Newcastle, for example, have five Scottish players.

Scotland are preparing for international matches against Australia

and South Africa, with Ian Mc-£24,600, plus £800 per session.
One senior Scottish player-said: Geechan, the British Isles coach, rejoining the coaching staff.

back play and found, in Henley. willing students: they were promoted in successive years before Woodward agreed to coach London Irish, on an amateur basis. They, too, returned to the first division before a falling-out between club and coach, but the void was filled by an offer to help the England Under-21 team, which brought Woodward, last year, into contact with Andy Robinson and Bath.

Bath was a big challenge because it was the first time I had my hands on really top-quality players," Woodward said. Many of those who have watched the Rugby Football Union grappling with the coaching issue since Rowell's resignation last month would have preferred Woodward to have spent more time with Bath before advancing to his new eminence, but, if his national coaching career resembles his England playing career, we can be sure that, whatever the coming months bring, they will not

Tackle trouble by banning both the brawl clubs

Gerald Davies says the Heineken Cup must take a tough line with Brive and Pontypridd

There have been unsavoury incidents at Heineken Cup matches before involving clubs from other countries but the worst of them seem to have been reserved for games in which Welsh and French clubs have participated, most worryingly between Brive and Pontypridd on Sunday night.

This is a strange development. Welsh rugby, like that of the French, is based in small towns that inspire a fierce loyalty and pride. In the past, this has encouraged a mutual respect. Each has been able to identify with the other.

Because of all this, presum-ably, matches between Welsh and French clubs or those hetween France and Wales at international level have always been uncompromisingly tough, But this was contained within the periphery of the field of play. Beyond that, the camaraderie and the celebration would be shared. It was as I knew it.

This was true also of most of the matches I observed last season. Indeed the whole spirit of the European competition was encapsulated in such towns as Brive, Dax and Toulouse, for example, which wholeheartedly embraced the Heineken Cup. Neither Cardiff nor Llanelli did themselves justice in Brive but Pontypridd came close to toppling Dax on their own patch. In none of these was there any sense of violent misbehaviour on the scale witnessed last weekend. For sure, the bars were safe.

From now on, neither Brive nor Pontypridd should be allowed to pursue their ambitions any farther in the Heineken Cup this season. Neither club could countenance a return fixture. Quite where the blame truly rests will be lost in the accusations and counteraccusations.

For one club to remain and for the other to be removed in these circumstances, when a decision is expected this week, would cast a shadow over the rest of the competition. The remaining club would carry the stigma with it at every stage of the competition. The rugby authorities should pause for a moment and consider their responsibility for administrating the sport and the good character that it ought to portray. What happened on the streets of Brive does not simply damage the players and the reputations of the clubs involved, but also the integrity of rugby union as a whole. Trouble

could be brewing.

We are now entering a delicate area. To attempt to say that what happened off the field in the evening is not unrelated to what happened on the field earlier in the day will be interpreted as exonerating the culprits. This is a liberal soft option, say those that wish to blame the emotional Welsh and the hot-tempered French.

The game on Sunday had been soured by several incidents of violence and at one stage mayhem broke loose. The cause of the rancour should not have overflowed into the violence that followed several hours later.

qually, to divorce the quarrel that occurred during the game from the stormy exchange later would be to turn a blind eye to a serious flaw of rugby union. which has inherited from its amateur days a set of laws that allows a generous leeway for subjective assessment.
But the old ways no longer

hold true. Rugby's imperatives are changing. There is accumu-lating evidence to suggest that rugby's imperfect and inadequate state can create bitter

At the heart of rugby's dilemma are the complicated laws and the man who has the unenviable task of interpreting them, the referee. This is not to seek excuses for the malicious perpenators of the bar-room brawl on Sunday. Simply to point out that rugby has within it the seed of further discontent as the game becomes more intensely competitive, where each club seeks to make its financial way in an increasingly commercial world. The rugby authorities need to examine and to correct the contentiously ambiguous, indeed inflammatory, areas of their sport.

HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

A good principle in pre-empting is to bid as high as you can straight away, then remain silent. If you take another push, you are giving the opponents a second bite at the cherry. You'd better be sure it's the winning action, unless you're Bob Hamman that is — then your stature in world bridge will carry you through. This is another hand from the Deutsch-Nickell match.

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I think Deutsch's Two Club opening (game-forcing, nothing to do with clubs) was inadvisable. Although he needs very little to make game, even in an uninterrupted auction the hand can develop awkwardly. Better to open One Club - that won't be passed out, and you will be able to show your great play-

ing strength later. Wolff's Three Diamonds, Zia's Three Spades and Hamman's Five Diamonds all seem routine actions. Deutsch's removal of Zia's Five Spades into Six Clubs was already an improvement for his side - only one off with

Five Spades two off. And it gained more when Hamman went on to Six Diamonds. I suppose he thought it would be cheap, as

indeed it was after a spade lead - just two down. However, it was clear that East was groping - he passed Five Diamonds and only bid Six Clubs after West went Five

Thus there was a good case for Hamman to pass Six Clubs. The Five Diamond bid had already caused the opponents to misjudge the hand, and Six Diamonds just gave them their money back.

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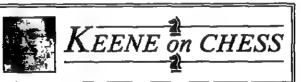
By Philip Howard

SLIEVE LEAGUE a. A Donegal mountain b. Tailors' performance ratings

e. The Dublin Mafia **ANCHISES** a. A sheep disease b. A Trojan prince e. Small fish for pickling a. Putting on weight b. Computerised drawing c Solid fluidity

FESSE a. A heraldic device b. Gaelic ill temper b. Swedish seafood

Answers on page 46



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Lord Mayor's charity

There is still time to enter the Lord Mayor's Chess Charity. Tomorrow at the Chartered Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2, I shall be giving a charity chess display against a maximum of 50 opponents in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for the Cancer Research Campaign. The event will be opened by The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Roger Cork, at 4.30pm. To secure your table please call the organiser, Michael Sa-vory, of Midland Stockbrokers, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA (tel: 0171-260 5051, fax 0171-260

Bacrot's win

In the third game of their match, Etienne Bacrot struck back to equalise the scores against his veteran opponent, Viktor Korchnei, the twotimes world championship challenger. In the following game Korchnoi tries a risky defence in which practice has shown the dangers for Black associated with White's central passed pawn. In this case, Korchnoi fails to solve the problems of defence. White: Etienne Bacrot

Albert, France September 1997 Queen's Gambit Declined

Black: Viktor Korchnoi

4 Nc3 5 cxd5 Be2 Bd2 Oxd2 US



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The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from book-shops or from B. T. Batslord Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing). ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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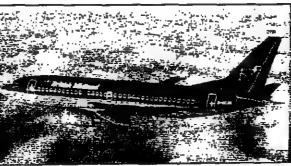
Black to play. This position is from the game Ramirez -Miranda, Argentina 1997. Each side has three pieces on the board, but Black saw a forced continuation leading to a winning pawn endgame. What did he play?

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FOOTBALL

Francis suggests weekend dates for internationals

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

GERRY FRANCIS, the Tot- away with their club then it is tenham Hotspur manager. yesterday called for international matches to be played at weekends to allow players plenty of time to return for FA Carling Premiership matches.

Francis said some players had reported back for domestic duty only 24 hours before weekend fixtures, placing their clubs at a disadvantage.

He said if World Cup and European championship ties were played on Saturdays this also would allow Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, the extra time he is seeking with his players the day after an international,

Francis said: "I believe players could play for their club on a Saturday, meet up with their country on a Sunday, have virtually the same preparation time as now and play the international the following Sat-

Then, in England's case. Glenn Hoddle could have his day with the squad on Sunday to analyse things and then the players would report back to their clubs on the Monday with a full week to prepare for the following weekend.

But, as things stand, club managers often have players reporting back on the Friday before the Saturday game. possibly after a long flight which has taken the edge off them, with no time to prepare properly - and yet you are judged all the time by results.

Tottenham played Arsenal a fortnight ago on a Saturday and then the international players left to go to their various countries and we didn't have the chance to work again with them until last Friday - 24 hours before the game at Leicester.

not a problem, but when, as in our case, there were 14 players away for two weeks, it doesn't give me - or any manager in the same boat - a lot of time.

"It also gives little niggles and knocks little time to recover, whereas having a full week after the international before playing again would enable problems to clear up and leave players not feeling

"You have got to try and be fair to club and international managers whose interests cut across each other now and create a level playing field for both which I think having the internationals at the weekend would help to create."

Kenny Dalglish, the Newcasile United manager. expressed similar concerns after Fausting Asprilla arrived one hour before Newcastle's recent game at St James Park against Bolton Wanderers after being on World Cup duty for Colombia.

Internationals should be played on Saturdays. The European championship could be the right time to do it. Everyone throughout Europe.



I believe, will think the same way," Dalglish said. "At the moment countries have players for five or seven days and we sometimes get 24 hours with them - sometimes not even that."

Asprilia was left out of the starting line-up, but played as a substitute.

lan Wright, the England and Arsenal forward, is expected to learn today the date of his Football Association

disciplinary hearing.
The FA have bowed to pressure from Arsenal and agreed to hold Wright's hearing before Hoddle names his squad on September 29 for England's final World Cup qualifying round match with

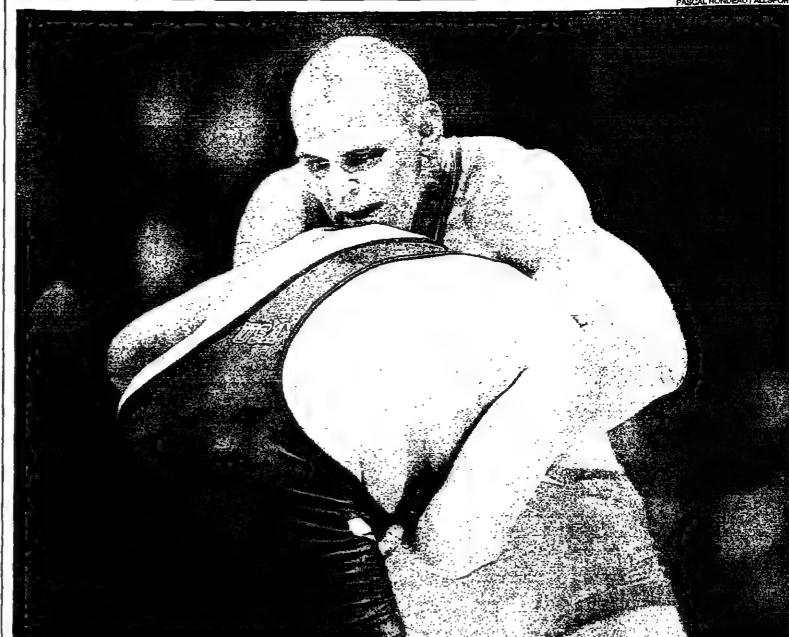
Italy in Rome on October 11. Wright was charged with misconduct - along with Patrick Vieira, a team-mate, Pat Rice, the Arsenal assistant coach, and Steve Walsh, the Leicester City captain - after a 3-3 draw at Filbert Street last

The FA originally had planned to summon Wright after the England match. They did not want to be seen to be depriving Hoddle of his main striker with Alan Shearer. Teddy Sheringham and Les Ferdinand all injured. But Arsenal urged them to

act sooner. They did not want Wright to have to serve any ban at an important stage of Steve Double, a spokesman

for the FA, said: "We hope to have a date for the hearing tomorrow. We are looking at one or two options within the next couple of weeks."

Hoddle supported Wright, claiming he had been picked on by referees, and said he would select him even if a



Karelin grabs Chaffari, of the United States, in a typically vice-like hold on his way to winning the gold medal in Atlanta last year

Monument to wrestling supremacy

The Americans call him the "bouncer from hell". When Alexsandr Karelin won his third successive Olympic superheavyweight wrestling champions! in Atlanta last year, it was not the ease of his victories that haunted the memory of millions of television

viewers, it was his physical presence.

As his shaven head and hooded eyes reared over the back of fallen opponents. Karelin looked like the convict Magwitch coming out from behind the tombstones to terrorise Pip in the graveyard at the start of Charles Dickens's Great Expecta-

Although weighing 20st at only 6ft 3in, much of Karelin's weight is across his shoulders and back. He has hands like machine tools and his arm-span is seven feet. He is also so flexible that he can stand upright, swing a size 15 shoe over his head and

John Goodbody profiles Aiexsandr Karelin, one

of the most intimidating figures in modern sport

touch a chandelier hanging eight feet above the ground. On Saturday. Karelin continued his

ten-year unbeaten run in Greco-Roman wrestling by winning yet another world title in Wroclaw. Poland. Greco-Roman wrestling is about as popular in Great Britain as rugby union is in S'beria, where Karelin lives. When I helped John Motson with the BBC wrestling commentaries at the 1976 Clympic Games, he was worried that he had confused the two finalists in one category. I was able to reassure him that there are only four Britons who are interested in Greco-Roman wrestling and three of them were not watching television but out training. However, in Russia, Poland.

Scandanavia and Bulgaria, where the sport is highly developed. Karelin is a

The climate of his home town. Novosibirsk, more than 1.700 miles east of Moscow. fashions the inhabitants towards a particular type of resilience. The temperatures in winter plunge below 45F. It was here that Karelin began his quest in the 1980s for international domination. Every morning, he would drink half a eallon of milk and then run through the forests, sometimes in deep snow. often for two hours, before returning

His most famous move in wrestling is the reverse bodylift, in which he

who is face down and flat on the floor, and locks his hands underneath the opponent's stomach. He pulls him up so that the rival remains parallel to the mat. Then Karelin uses his legs to provide the leverage to bring the opponent, who is struggling vainly, to his waist. The pair now look like a plus sign. Then. Korelin twists and hurls an opponent head over heels on to the mat. Try it on a 10st man. Even that is not easy.

Karelin has such an intimidating effect on other wrestlers that they almost idolise him. Matt Ghaffari, of the United States, who finished second to Karelin in Atlanta, has a picture of the Russian in his living room at home, while another rival, Panavioris Poikilidis, of Greece, said: I will be honoured to tell my children that I wrestled this great man." Some people in Poland on Saturday were

Sherwood warns against taking Preston lightly was the cautionary advice Tim the central defender, Tore game with Carlisle. The £6 Sherwood offered his Black-Pedersen, have been included million summer-signing from in the squad, while the fringe Newcastle is included despite burn colleagues yesterday on the eve of the first leg of their players Marion Broomes, a damaged stomach muscle. Coca-Cola Cup second-round

End at Ewood Park. Stockport, then in the second division, knocked out Blackburn in the third round last season, and it was Sherwood's own goal which separated the sides in what proved to be Ray Harford's last match as the Blackburn manager.

match with Preston

"If we play anything like we сал, we should win the game," Sherwood said. "But if we get complacent they could catch us out, as Stockport did last SEASON."

Roy Hodgson, who has revitalised Blackburn since taking over during the sum-mer, has decided to rest Stephane Henchoz, Jason Wilcox, Garry Fliteroft, Patrick Valery and Colin Hendry. though Hendry was injured during the defeat by Leeds on

Gary Croft and Damien Duff could also have a part to play. Martin Dahlin hopes to shrug off a cold but if he is ruled out, either Flitcroft or Wilcox will be recalled. Alan Fettis is cuptied. Ian Pearce returns after a calf injury, but Billy McKinlay is again kept out by a strained groin muscle.

The Preston manager, Gary Peters, declared that this was one match for which he did not need to motivate his players. "It's a huge game for the club and the players are really looking forward to playing against quality opposition," he said. Preston's record signing. Michael Appleton, who cost £500,000 from Manchester United is doubtful with a calf

Les Ferdinand, the England striker, was a surprise inclusion in a squad of 21 named by the Tottenham Hotspur man-

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rule him out at the moment," Francis said. "I prefer to think nositive, until otherwise.

David Howells will have a late fitness test on a back injury and striker Chris Armstrong also faces a test on a

groin strain. A delegation from the Football League held talks with European Commission chiefs in Brussels yesterday over the decision to deny English clubs entry to the Uefa Cup via the Coca-Cola Cup.

"We had an extensive and sympathetic meeting at which we were able to present our case in detail," the League chairman, David Sheepshanks, said. They will now consider our complaint, taking into account the views of other parties including Uefa."



A whole new ball game: Leonard, the Harlequins prop. puts a group of schoolchildren through their paces at Haslemere rugby club

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Harlequins try to speed up conversions

most of a golden opportunity to be coached by some of the world's leading rugby union players when a number of Harlequins' international representatives déscended on Hasemere junior rugby dub (Claire Tolley writes).

Two thousand children aged between six and 15 benefited from the training day, which was staged as part of a project designed to introduce rugby union back into England's

Rugby has been struggling at grassroots level as schools have lacked qualified teachers and adequate facili-ties, so when Harlequins joined forces with their sponsors. NEC. 15 months ago they began a scheme to develop a clubs and local schools

Andy Challis, Harlequins' youth development director, said: "As we have a limited amount of facilities at the Stoop we decided to promote rugby through several satellite clubs

In the light of the rift between the Rugby Football Union and England's leading clubs. Challis was keen to emphasise the significance of the close working relationship between Harlequins and Surrey's youth development officers as a factor in the success of the coaching project.

The children received newsletters and gifts from Harlequins in association with Haslemere rugby club. The London side will also provide rughy equipment and access to coaching courses to capitalise on the childrens' enthusiasm

NEC is financing the project and its contribution is doubled under a government initiative called Sportsmatch. The Government has pledged to give an equivalent amount of money towards schemes supported by

a significant sponsor. Virginia Bottomley, MP, Haslemere club patron, said the Harlequins effort could serve as model for other leading clubs and Jason Leonard, the England and British Isles prop forward, said the club recognised the importance of its role in the development of the game. "It's crucial that the children enjoy the game at this session so that they come back to watch and learn and then go on to play themselves - we might be coaching a future Will Carling," he



FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN KOSICE

ON THE way into Kosice from the airport, a huge square arena is taking shape, all cranes and red girders. They are building a new ice hockey stadium, the guide says. Further on, there are some floodlights. A few flights of steps punctuate a grassy bank which hides a football pitch on the other side. That is FC Kosice's stadium, the All Sport Arena. It is closed for renovation.

There is building work in the city centre, also. Brick dust is everywhere. The cobbled streets of the old town have been dug up so tram tracks can be laid. Even in the Cathedral of St Elizabeth, scaffolding and plastic sheets rise above the altar. Alex Ferguson, a little

grumpy after a hurried arrival at Manchester Airport early yesterday morning, took reconstruction as his theme, too. At a chaotic press conference an hour after the team had arrived here in eastern Slova-kia for tonight's Champions' League game against the rank outsiders of group B, he admitted that English clubs were still rebuilding after their European exile.

-When we went out of Europe in 1985," Ferguson said, "our teams lost a lot tactically and it has taken some years to understand that and to try to make improvements. But it is changing now. Even the English national team is improving tactically.

"It is going to be very difficult for us to win the competition this year. Being grouped with Juventus makes it even harder. We hope we do not make the mistakes we did last year. The key is that if we score in all our games we have a good chance.

Perhaps that is why Ferguson sprung a surprise yesterday morning by including Teddy Sheringham in the travelling party. He said later that he was considering him for a starting role because he had recovered more quickly

than expected from a rib injury. More than that, he said he felt this year's United vintage, with all the experience young players such as the Neville brothers, Nicky Butt and David Beckham had gained last year, was better equipped to go one stage further than last season when they lost in the semi-finals to Borussia Dortmund.

Tonight's match, which will take place in the stadium belonging to local rivals, Lokomotiva Kosice, which has a capacity of 9,500, represents the beginning of United's latest quest for the trophy that would finally give them parity with Sir Matt Busby's great side of Best, Charlton, Kidd and the rest that won the European Cup in 1968.

Even though Ferguson was careful to make the right noises and lauded Kosice's achievement of eliminating Spartak Moscow in the preliminary round, he knows a defeat in this outpost of European football, at the hands of a club that has only been in existence for four years, is almost unthinkable.

With his new captain, Roy Keane, performing the work of ten men in midfield and Beckham and Butt on song, United should be far too strong for Slovakia's first representatives in the Champi-



Ferguson: diplomatic

ons' League. His main concern is his attack, where Andy Cole is in indifferent form and Ryan Giggs, Jordi Cruyff and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer are all out injured.

The return of Sheringham. though, has offset their ab-"We have included him because we only have one recognised striker available." Ferguson said. "There is a risk in playing him but I think it is something I may consider. Whether that will be from the start is something I will decide after training.

Even with the injuries, we

have a strong squad of players and I am not expecting them to be deflated. We watched Kosice against Spartak Trvana, which was a great game to see because Trvana were top of the league. It was a good atmosphere, very passionate and the game was very physical. Kosice are a good team and it will not be easy for us," Their task, though, should

be eased significantly by the fact that Kosice appear to be a in disarray. Their fiery coach, Jan Kozak, resigned after Saturday's 1-1 draw with Inter Bratislava even though Kosice are still unbeaten this season. His deputy, Jan Bodnar, is in charge tonight.

The Slovaks may take heart from the words of the Kosice anthem which include Pythonesque lines such as "here comes the goal, it is our principle to score more than one" and "we have all the real gunpowder on the tips of our shoes. we shall break all walls, boys have no fear". With all this to conquer,

Ferguson was asked what the reaction would be in England if United lost the tie. He smiled for the first time. "There will be a lot of parties,"



Van Gaal, right, directs training yesterday; he is impatient, almost dismissive, when discussing the English game

Van Gaal at his scornful best

Peña and Rivaldo, with their

motivation, than have all old

By DAVID MADDOCK

EVEN Louis van Gaal's hair is aggressive. It sprouts violently from his head, cocked skyward with attitude, and offers something of an insight into the Barcelona coach's complex character.

Van Gaal, formerly of Ajax, is assertive, confident, arrogant even. But then he has every right to be. He crafted arguably the finest team of the 1990s during his time in Holland, and has already suggested he can repeat the achievement in Spain.

The squad he inherited at the Nou Camp has been enhanced, that much is clear. It is a squad described as the strongest in Europe by none other than Johann Cruyff, and he is no mean judge. Little wonder then that Van

Gaal was at his imperious, arrogant best when addressing the English media about Barcelona's opening Euro-

pean Cup Champions' League fixture, against Newcastle United at St James' Park this

He professes admiration for the FA Carling Premiership but his tone when discussing English football was impatient, almost dismissive. He admires the physical and mental commitment of English players, but: "I really do wish there was more thought in your game; I really do wish there was a stronger emphasis on tactics"

Van Gaal talked of respect for Newcastle, but only because he says he has respect for every human being. Beyond that there was little admiration for their football or their players. In particular, Kenny Dalglish's policy of recruiting veterans such as lan Rush and John Barnes came in for the treatment.

who has come in with the idea "I don't think Newcastle will of imposing his system on the have an advantage by having side and they are still getting so many players of experience; used to that and so they are

in fact, I think it will be quite the opposite," he said. "They not as coherent as they could be, and we have the chance to may have experience but their age will tell against them. I For all his bullish enthusiwould much rather have young players, such as de la

Giovanni, Baia, his goalkeep-If Van Gaal suggested confier, and the captain, dence in his manner, then it Guardiola. was somewhat surprisingly reflected in the attitude of Dalglish, the Newcastle manager. His usual policy when discussing the opposition is to take a Trappist vow of silence, but he has identified a Barceper cent perfect, but I do see lona weakness and for once he

progression." was willing to share it with us. "We are not playing history and tradition, we are playing the Barcelona of here and now, and they have got problems like every other team. They have got a new coach

asm. Van Gaal accepted that Newcastle do have advantages. In particular, he is worried about injuries to

Then there is Dalglish's point which he accepts has a certain validity. "Yes, we are trying to impose the same system as we had at Ajax and we are adapting," he said. "I don't think it is one hundred

Newcastle supporters should not raise their hopes too wildly, however. As Van Gaal pointed out, even a tactically developing Barcelona are more than a match for most teams. "We are still progressing, but then we have played 12 matches so far and

won It of them."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain go back to Offiah and **Edwards**

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THEY may have feared that their international careers were over, but Shaun Edwards and Martin Offiah were told yesterday that they may yet play a part in the series against Australia, the world champions, in November.

Both were called into the Great Britain training squad of 19, comprising players from Halifax Blue Sox. Oldham Bears and Warrington Wolves and the four teams knocked out of the Stones Premiership Bulls, London Broncos, Salford Reds and Leeds Rhinos.

Edwards, who missed last year's tour to New Zealand to have a knee operation, and Offiah, who recently pledged himself full-time to league after a brief sojourn with Bedford in rugby union, were joined by another thirty-some-thing, Paul Sterling, the Leeds wing. Sterling, 33, was playing second division rugby with Hunslet a year ago, but has players in his position in 1997 and scored what was, arguably, the try of the season in July, a 90-metre score against Adelaide.

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Edwards celebrates his 31st birthday next month, but he has found a new lease of life since ending his 13-year stint at Wigan earlier this season. His chances of playing in the first international at Wembley on November 1 - thus winning his 37th cap - could hinge on a visit to the specialist tomorrow. He will discover the extent of a knee injury he picked up while scoring a try in the Broncos' defeat by Sheffield on Sunday. "I'm quite confident it's not too serious." he said.

Offiah's 33-match international career looked to be over when he left Wigan last year to double up in both codes, but has recently found some of his old form and last week agreed a new two-year contract with the Broncos.

Bradford and Leeds each provide six players to the squad, which will be bolstered by the Wigan and St Helens contingent when their domestic season is over.

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Few find lasting cure for the fear of failure

The Graeme Hick Syn-drome: the way in which an event or an occasion can overwhelm the talents of an individual. It was never that Hick's talents as a batsman were insufficient. But the bowlers he murdered in county cricket would become unplayable demons in a Test

It was not that cricket of Test-match quality was too much for him. It was that Test matches themselves undid him. The notion of a Test match made something deep in his nature say "Coh-er". And so he never came close to fulfilling the potential of his sporting abilities.

That this happens with indi-viduals is part of the enduring pattern of sport. And somenimes they even get over it. Mark Ramprakash, in his last innings for England at the end of the summer, played a crucial part in the victory. Ian Wright, for years told You never score for England. scored two goals as England beat Moldova 4-0 at Wembley last week.

But the truly rum thing is the way that the Graeme Hick Syndrome affects not only individuals, and not only teams. It affects also the unfolding dynasties of teams. Easily the best example of this is the Scottish football team at the World Cup. Few English footballing people will have failed to feel the thrill of delight at the news that Scotland seem certain to qualify for next summer's World Cup

No football team in the world can match the Scottish record of glorious pratfalls and still more glorious - but always utterly useless heroics. The glorious 0-0 draw against Brazil in 1974 was quite useless because they only put two past Zaire and so went out on goal difference.

Then there was the defeat by Peru and the draw against Iran under the unforgettable Ally MacLeod in 1978. These disasters were followed by the useless and glorious 3-2 victory over Holland. Most recently, in 1990, Scotland lost I-O to Costa Rica, beat Sweden SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

2-1, and then lost - heroically

- 1-0 to Brazil. It happens in other sports too, as I was reminded at the weekend, when I went to the Open European Championship in three-day eventing at Burghley. The British team won, against stiff competition. They won it the only other time it was an open competition. This was the fifteenth British victory in the European Championship, open or closed, since it began in 1953. Britain produces, on a regular basis, a very high percentage of the best event riders in the

ut in a manner reminiscent of the Scottish football team, they always take a pratfall at the Olympic Games. Every time, they are fancled for gold: every time, they come home defeated, often humiliated, and always embarrassed. The last time they won a gold medal at the team or the individual level, was in 1972 with Richard Meade.

In 1976, everything went wrong when Princess Anne fell off her horse. No team was sent to Moscow in 1980, this being - it seems such an outdated concept now, thank God — one of the boycott years. In 1984 in Los Angeles. the team was merely unlucky. pipped for gold by the strong American team

In Seoul in 1988, the controversially-selected Mark Phillips had to drop out when his

Dixon saw the chance of gold disappear as she herself disappeared into the water. In Barcelona four years on, Ian Stark's horse did not pass the vet after the cross-country and had to withdraw; Mary King's horse. King William. ran away with her and she took all the long routes, incurring bags of time penalties.

Things went still worse in Atlanta last year when Britain went into the event as world

But Stark fell at the water, William Fox-Pitt fell between fences, and Dixon, feeling too deeply the pressures of team responsibility, took all the long routes and lost time. Britain did not even get a medal.

There is something of the Ryder Cup Effect in operation here: the extraordinary stress es of playing an individual game in a team context. But the British team has repeatedly done well in less significant team events: only the Olympic Games turn the British eventing team into Scottish

it is not that they carry their responsibility lightly, rather the exact opposite. Too conscious of the hopes and dreams of others, they lose that crucial sense of adventure, of boldness, of intelligentcalculated risk: the very things that make for a good cross-country rider.

The team, the team: the riders succumb to this powerful call, and ride in the afteryou-Claude spirit that leads to self destruction. Every rider knows in his heart the true motto of horseykind: when in doubt, kick on. It is a rule applicable to most walks of

I suggest that these five words should be written on little banners, and suspended between the horse's ears when the British team kicks on across the cross-country course at Sydney three years

As for the Scottish team playing in France next year good luck lads. And never forget: the English are cheering you on. Could there be anything more encouraging than that?



Martin has not recovered from his wrist operation in time to take his place at the Forest of Arden

Martin stays on the sidelines

By John Hopkins, Golf correspondent

A FEW rays of sunshine yesterday cast some light into the life of Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour. Schofield has been embroiled in two important issues recently. The first was the threat of legal action by Miguel Angel Martin over his removal from the Europe Ryder Cup team to play the United States next week; the second, the players' criticism of the course at Crans for the recent European Masters and fears about the poor condition of the greens at the Forest of Arden for the One 2 One British Masters this week.

The strength of Martin's case against the Ryder Cup committee, of which Schofield is an important part, was weakened when the wrist he injured in mid-July had not recovered sufficiently for him to compete at the Forest of Arden. Martin telephoned his withdrawal on Monday evening. "I tried to hit balls but I could not do it properly," he

from

said. "It was not hurting but the balls were not going where I wanted. The British Masters is not a caddies' tournament. It is a professional event and I am supposed to play like a professional."

Mike Stewart, the tournament director, said Martin had not made an explanation for his withdrawal. "I assume it is because he is unfit to play," he said.

Some players harbour strong feelings about the committee's handling of Martin, however, and Jean Van de Velde intends to raise the matter at a meeting of the Tournament Committee this afternoon. "People are unhappy and I know I am not the only one," the Frenchman said. "It is not justice. I'm still convinced it was wrong.

"He [Martin] was pushed out presumably because they felt he wasn't capable of competing. A sense of fairness has been ignored. We need to find out who took these decistons for us.

"At the end of the day we are the players and without us there is no show. If we have no right to have a say on impor-tant matters like this then what are we? It's bad for golf, it's bad for the tour and the

credibility of the tour."

At least the greens at the Forest of Arden, which several weeks ago had been rumoured to be bad, proved to be better than expected. "They're OK," more than one player said yesterday after the practice

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43 SLIEVE LEAGUE (a) One of Ireland's most

interesting mountains, for two reasons. First, near the 596 metre summit there are two small outliers of what most geologists regard as carboniferous sandstone. If they are right, this is testimony to a massive historic denudation. Second, half the mountain, from the crest down to the breakers, has slithered down and disappeared into the sea.

ANCHISES (b) A Trojan prince, son of Priam, great-grandson of Tros. He made love to Aphrodite, who gave birth to Aeneas. He boasted about this, and some legends claim that he was accordingly blinded or paralysed by Zeus. Pius Acneus curried him out of the holocaust of Troy on his back. He makes several appearances in the Aeneid, notably in Book VI, where Aeneas meets him in the

THIXOTROPY

(c) The property of certain gels and other substances of becoming fluid when agitated and reverting back when left to stand. Non-spill paints are an example. So is also the behaviour of wet sand on the seashore, pericularly quick-sands and on bucket and spading holidays. The range of the materials subject to thixotropy extends from the hardest solids, through doughs and pastes to liquids such as blood and milk." THIXOTROPY

FESSE (a) In becaldry, an ordinary formed by two horizontal lines drawn across the middle of the field, and asually containing between them one third of the escutcheon. Ruskin, The Eagle's Nest. 1872: "The fesse, a horizontal bur across the middle of the shield, represents the knight's girdle."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Tales of the canine corps

Animal People: Dogs At War

To say that dogs have "changed the face of warfare" may be pushing it, but this affectionate film offers plenty of tales of canine heroics. Perhaps the most striking comes from the Vietnam War and concerns a dog called Troubles. When his master, Bill Richardson, was wounded and forced to abandon him, Troubles managed to find his way back to base camp through 50 miles of dense jungle, dodging the Victoring and booby traps. The cond World War throws up a couple of stories. including that of Rex who saved the life of a British paratrooper by disarming not one but three German snipers in the Ardennes. The point is well made that dogs not only have a much keener sense of smell than we do, but of sight and hearing as well. They continue to play an important military role, not least in sniffing out guns and bombs in

Lunchtime Concert

Radio 3, 1.00pm

Of the making of programmes about antiques there seems to be no end. The Great Antiques Hunt has just finished, to be replaced by The Antiques Inspectors. Gaing For a Song continues at lunchtime and the Antiques Roadshow will be beet for the state of the sound in Experience. back for its umpteenth year. Meanwhile, Francine Stock returns with the jaunty magazine which seems determined as before, to have something for all tastes. The topics for tonight include Victorian baths, classic caravans and a guitar owned by Jimi Hendrix. Stock visits the Grosvenor House Fair. but mainly to mock an event that is as much a social occasion for the rich as a magnet for serious collectors. The programme also tries to define what an amique is, not nearly as easy as it might sound.

The Nazis - A Warning From History BBC2, 9.00pm

Although the Nazi era ended more than 50 years ago. Laurence Rees's series continues to draw fruitfully on first-hand testimony. The programme has managed to track down a woman who betrayed her neighbour to the Gestapo. That she affects to have no memory of it is contradicted by documentary evidence, leaving the interview

A new series for Wednesdays comes live from the

Wigmore Hall in London and demonstrates that autumn is truly with us, for lunchtime concerts on

Radio 3 are very much a mark of that season.

However, this year the Wednesday concert is only part of a wider revamping of the Radio 3 schedule.

Paul Guinery presents Lunchtime Concert and the format is to use a mix of younger and experienced

nusicians as the series progresses. Today the Gould Trio plays Haydn's Piano Trio in G (the Gipsy Rondo), and the First Piano Trio by Arensky. The Gould Trio consists of Lucy Gould, violin, Martin Storey, cello, and Gretel Dowdeswell, piano. Tickets for these concerts in the series can be obtained on 0171-765 5243.

Comrades at arms (BBC1, 7.00pm)

eloquent in its omissions. The incident is highlighted to make the point that far from being simply imposed on ordinary Germans, the Gestapo was sustained by their willingness to denounce their fellow citizens. But the bigger theme of the film, picking up on academic work in the area, is the degree to which the apparently monolithic Nazi regime was chaotic and fragmented. Hitter may have been the magnetic leader but he was a lazy administrator who allowed factions to compete for power.

Over the Edge: Sectioned BBC2, 11.15pm

The disability series returns with three women talking about their experiences in various psychiatric hospitals. Their disturbing accounts suggest that despite attempts at a more enlightened approach to mental illness, the bad old ways still persist. Terry Bailey lost two children, and a cousin in her care, to cot deaths. She set fire to a shop selling baby clothes, and to herself, and was sent to Rampion high security hospital. She says she was punished, not treated, and describes being locked up in a bare cell for 12 hours a day. Linda Hart, mother of two with a full-time joh, was. put in a local asylum after hearing the voice of her dead father. She has survived but is bitter. Kari Haslam has been in and out of mental hospitals for 18 years and retains a very jaundiced view of psychiatrists. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Singular Women: Bea Radio 4, 8,45pm

There is a particular tone of voice that pervades the reminiscences of men or women whose partners have been well known but about whom the whole truth was never quite revealed. It is a tone that speaks of knowledge shared by few, combined with. a world-weariness, and it is delivered to perfection by June Brown in this, the first of a four-part series of monologues featuring four actresses over the next month. Brown will forever be famous as Dot Cotton in EastEnders and she brings a touch of that persona, though only a touch, to the part of, Bea, who has been the long-time companion to a comedian whose death puts her in the limelight. The four monologues have all been written by

RADIO 1

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RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wodan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debber Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Nick Berractough 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2. With guest Maddy Paractough 8.00 Jim her new album 9.00 The Christy Moore Story. An insight into the file of the Insh singer-sorgwifer With contributions from Shead O'Connor. Mike Harding and Bill Leader 9.30 Talking Comedy Nigel Plener discusses what makes him laugh 10.00 Steve Winght Picture Show 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05em Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

6.90am Paul Ross and Carol McGritien 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

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CLASSIC FM

6.00mm Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.00 Concerto J S Bach (Keyboard Corcerto in E) 2.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata Bach (Rute Sonata in B minor) 8.00 Evening Concert Beethoven (Symphony No 2), Richard Strauss (Rosenkavalier Suite), Bartok (The Miraculous Mandann) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00em Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Plevel (Plano Trio in A minor); Bach (Orchestral Suite No (Pano Ino in A minor); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 3 in D); Harly (Variations on a Dublin Air); Debussy (Suite: Children's Cornea); Shoslakovich (Festive Overture): Elgar (Introduction and Allegro) 9.00 (Morning Collection, with Penny Gote Includes Vivaldi (Violin Corneato in A minor); Bloch (Poems of the Sea); Strauss (Sonatine No 1)

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10.00 Miusical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes. Includes Hindemath (Ragtime); Bach (Trio Sonata in G); Holst (Mercury, The Planets). Haydin (Symphony No 43 vi E flat, Mercury); Cyril Rootham (The Stolen Child); Ravel (Le Tornbeau de Couperin), Koechtin (Seven Stars' Symphony, 4th mvt); Leclair (Overture in G), Blacher (Vanations on a Therne of Paganin).

12.00 Composer of the Week: Clementi. Presented by David Byers in conversation with Malcolm Binns Includes two plano sonatas by the composer who was often at his best in minor.

composer who was often at his best in minor keys. Clementi (Plano sonata in F minor, Op 13 No 6; Symphony No 2 in D: Sonata in F sharp minor) 1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. See Choice

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2.00 Mildweek Choice, The first of a new senes
presented by Susan Sharpe. Telephone 0171-785
4308 with your musical requests. This week's
subject is Musical Greetings and Welcomes
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from St Patrick's Church
of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, sung by the choir of
Gornville and Caus College, Cambridge
5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Includes Sarasate
(Introduction and Yarentella), Copland (Clarinet)

Concerto): Beethoven (Grosse Fugue). Plus an interview with Petr Africhter, the new principal conductor of the Liverpoof Philharmonic Orchestra
7.30 Performance on 3. Romantic programme of two dramatic symptonic poems and Rachmaninov's much-loved Second Symptony Jean Rigby.

mezzo, BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Tadaalu Otaka, Liadov (The Enchanted Lake): Chautsson (Poemse de L'amour et de la Mer); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor)
9.35 Postnoriph: Parks and Pleasure. Did the Victorians produce the ultimate in fine urban park design or can designers provide people with what they want today? Susan Marting takes a tour from New York's Central Park, to the Parc Citroen in Paris (3/5) (r)

New York's Cartral Park, to the Parc Cifroen in Paris (3/5) (r)

10.00 Ensemble. In the first of a new series, Penny Gore mitroduces the Takacs Quartet performing Schubert (String Quartet in A mihror)

10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpenter talks to George Steiner about his writing in the light of his new book Errala an Examined Life. Humphrey Carpenter talks to writers and critics about the legacy of the playwright Joe Orton as Radio 3 marks the arriversary of his death with with productions of Loof and Up Against II.

11.30 Composer of the Weelst Verdi (r)

12.30em Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather. The tinal part of the session from the Belgian guitarist Fapy Lafertin and Le Jazz

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Mecleod Includes at 5.00 Sequence

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30 Today 8.45 Speak After the Beep (3/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 Name 9.05 Michweek with the Times columnist

Libby Purves and guests 10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.00 News; The Windy Sea (FM). The first of a four-part series in which Tim Whewell journeys around the Caspian Sea

10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time Geothey Smith, Bob
Flowardew and Nigel Colorn answer some of the questions posed by gardeners from Fyide, Lancashire. With charman Eric Robson (r) 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Eastern Mist. The second of Philip Alshar's aix-part comedy drama. With Harmage Singh Keliral, Kathryn Apanowicz and Annette Kerr 12.55 1.00 The World at One

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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shopping Forecast
2.00 News; The Peggers and the Creelers. The first of a new three-part drama, written by Catherine Czerkawska, set in an Ayrstrire village in 1905
2.45 News; Letters from Here and There (2/6)
3.00 News; the Aftermoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.05 Keleticoscope. Paul Garnbaccini sees Rupert Everett in My Best Friend's Worlding
4.45 Short Story; Marriage, by Evelyn Lau. Read by Barbara Barnes

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 Round Britain Culz The North of England meet the Midlands (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts, John Waite and his team of

investigators return for a new eight-pert series (r)

7.45 The National Interest. The first of two
programmes in which MPs from opposing parties
attempt to reach a agreements on a controversal
issue. But will their proposals stand up to scrutny
by the experts?

8.45 Singular Women See Chains

base. Dut with their proposals stand up to screeny by the experts?

8.45 Singular Women. See Choice

9.00 Action and Reaction. In the first of a new series, Sue Blackmore visits Heysham Nuclear Power Station in Lancashire. With guests Protessor John Whitlegg. David Mace and Brian Cox

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Harris

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Stories by Mark Twain. Read by Kelsey Grammer (3/5)

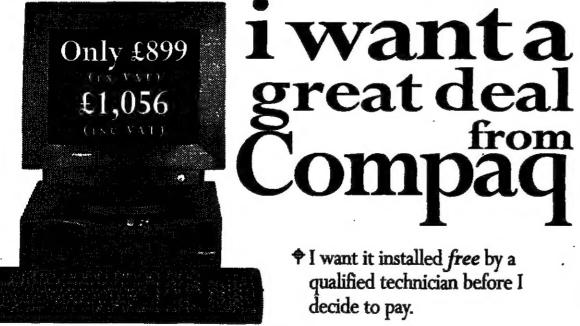
11.90 On Baby Street. The convedy drama about tives new mothers living in the same street. Written by Julie Balloo and Jenny Edair. It is Christmas and the babies are six months old (3/5)

11.30 The Cheese Shop Present. Skelches, songs and Jokes with Gerard Foster, Deve Lamb, Gordon Southern. Tim Verrinder, Ben Ward and Richard Webb (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Debt to Pleasure, by John Larchaster. Does the hurter always foresense his success? (7/10) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW) 1.00 As World Service

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ever ill-treated a cow was in the privacy of her own byre, once she was brought to a public market, where roam all manner of animal inspectors and camera crews, she'd be treated with the tenderness accorded a family pet. But no: livestock markets are, it seems, host to all sorts of nastinesses in contravention of most

major animal protection laws. It's just the sort of transgression which cries out for a campaigning iournalist to make an impassioned half-hour's worth of Something-Should-Be-Done and We-Name-The-Guilty-Men. Instead, BBC2's Private Investigations got an amateur in to do the job.

I say an amateur: television's term for it is member of the public, for Private Investigations is the latest in an undulating line of public access programmes in which ordinary people, real people, punters — the term

6.00am Business Breakfast (92456)

7.00 BBC Breekfast News (T) (98987659)

BBCT:

Well-intentioned amateurs cannot but fail televisual democracy - are given a chance to make probing TV with, in this case, "as much support as they need from the BBC".

The principle is a simple, seductive one: TV is a medium controlled by those whose dislocated view of the world is that from TV Centre, whose passions are artificially generated to fit the schedules, whose agenda is determined by commercial considerations, not genuine concerns; give a real person the camera, and the film you'll get will be somehow more authentic, more impassioned, more real. And more cheap.

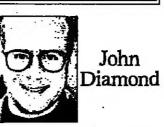
Sometimes the theory works, although usually only when the real person has a real story to tell about themselves. But, while television people may be removed from the real world, most of them know where to point the camera to get the most telling picture and how to frame an interview to make

changes with the fashions in it most effectively tell the story. These are real skills and they take some learning, and if you don't believe that you should see the footage of the Lawleys and Snows in their early days.

> argaret Gibbins, billed as a retired bank man-ager's wife — had he retired or had she? - turned up at the local livestock market and pointed the camera at water troughs full of dung and at cows with their rib-cages poking through their scraggy hides. Mrs Gibbins interviewed a market manager who believed that the cattle were merely a commodity. and got the Roger Cook treatment when she tried to take the camera into a private market.

In the hands of somebody who knew how to make television films this could have been a powerful, campaigning documentary. Mrs Gibbins gave us a series of flat and

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repetitive interviews linked by a pretty typical real person's script, the sort which manages to be both dull and self-referential and explains why the programmes invariably get shoved onto the minority channels.

And why should it be otherwise? If a TV reporter was given a desk at Mrs Gibbins's husband's bank, who would expect the books to balance at the end of the week?

To give Mrs Gibbins her due, she made a better fist of it than the other two real people who got a go this week. Barry Thomas made an odd whistling noise whenever he got excited as he investigated the possibilities of improving his memory. He was the sort of old buffer who I imagine now sidles up to people in the saloon bar and says: "You know, it's a funny old thing, this memory business. I mean, if I told you there's a bloke who can remember all 52 cards in

Next was Ian Batey, whose car had been clamped on private land and who wanted his money back. Again, here was a perfectly good story - cowboy clampers, joke clamping warnings too small to read, lack of statutory control turned into a personal whinge by a man who hadn't worked out what questions he wanted to ask of the cowboys other than "Are you going to give me my money back or not?"

So why spoil three good stories many of them had managed to by giving them to real people? Is maintain their delusions for so the assumption that real people can go where the pros can't? I doubt whether a Cook or a Waite would have been put off filming the cattle sale as easily as was Mrs Gibbins. Do real people know more than the pros? Apparently not: the clampee was stunningly underprepared for his confrontations. Are their worries more genuine? What does it matter, if the results are as last night?

the Dandy in the Under-world (Channel 4) was Marc Bolan, now 20 years dead and, whatever anyone said at the time, a pop star who absolutely wasn't bigger than the Beatles. His memory was held dear for us by a series of balding geezers along the gamut of former rock industry employment, from clever investor to seriously shot-away.

What was remarkable was how

maintain their delusions for so long. "He did write fabulous poetry," one contemporary re-membered. "The Warlock of Love is a serious collection of poetry: there's no doubt in my mind about that." Archive footage showed us that in fact The Warlock of Love was meaningless doggerel set to the metre of The Face on the Barroom Floor. And it's not just me saying so: Bolan didn't know what the words meant either.

The man who said Bolan was bigger than the Beatles also believed that the pixie-faced star reached his artistic zenith with Telegram Sam, which proves some som of point; but it was his manager who had him pegged when he recalled that Ride a White Swan, Marc Bolan's bestremembered song, was kept from the number one spot by Clive Dunn singing Grandad ... Ars longa and all that, eh?

9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2825456) WALES: 9.05 Referendum Cali 9.30 Style Challenge A Lancashire school-boy and his family receive a style makeover in preparation for their big-screan debut (1663456) 9.55 Kilroy (1) (5612017)

> 11.35 Room for Improvement Sprucing up paintwork; squeaking floorboards (2678630) 12,00 News (T) Regional News and weather (8537833) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (9815524)

11.00 News (T) and weather (4067611)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9007630)

10.35 Change That (1795543)

12.35 Going for a Song (9728185) 1.00 News (T) and weather (90901) 1.30 Regional News (T) (17615611) 1.40 The Weather Show (87570524) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (77358104)

2.10 Quincy A trucker's gristy death elerts Quincy to the fact that someone is Regally dumping toxic waste all over LA (r) (2000443)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (7104) 3.30 Playdaya (8391659) 3.50 ChuckleVision (8304123) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (4805949) 4.35 Prince of Atlantia (T) (6899368) 5.00 Newsround (T) (9294524) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (5183920)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (376678) 6.00 News (T) and weather (833) 6.30 Recional News (T) (185)

7.00 Animal People: Dogs at War A tribute to Britain's four-legged military heroes, proving that dogs are not only man's best friend — they can also be his staunchest ally in times of conflict (T) (5833)

7,30 Tomorrow's World Featuring a machinethat can diagnose skin cancer without the

8.00 Children's Hospital Real-life drama from Alder Hey, Liverpool (T) (1253)

8.30 The National Lottery Live (T) (768036) 8.45 Points of View (T) (758659) 9.00 News (T) and weather (2340) 9.29 National Luttery Update (286543) 9.30 The X Files: Home Scully and Mulder

knuckle down to the dispiriting task of trying to find out who is responsible for murdering a newborn baby in small-town Pennsylvania (T) (593543)

10.15 Chalik New series of the classroom comedy, with David Barmber (T) (721441) 10.45 A Passion for Murder (1992) with Michael Nouri. Murder mystery about a beautiful but dangerous woman who is on the run from the police and the Mob. Directed by Neill Feamley (9335475)

12.10em Day of the Evil Gun (1968) starring Glenn Ford and Arthur Kannedy. A former gunlighter, searching for his iddnapped wite and children, is joined by a peaceful neighbour. Directed by Jeny Thorpe

1.45 Weather (2968296)

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6.00am Open University: Given Enough Rope (4602659) 6.25 Raising Arms Against Pollution (4614494) 6.50 Designing a Lift (5412494) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

signing) (4552814) 7.30 Smurf's Adventures (r) (6643291) 7.55 Really Wild Show (T) (5655389) 8.20 Penny Crayon (r) (7373524) 8.30 Tales of Aesop (r) (7440814) 8.35 Teletubbies (r) (1237659) 9.00 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (2824727) 9.25 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (b/w) (r) (3020949)

9.45 Rocky Star (b/w) (r) (8825746) 9.50 Cartoon 10.00 Teletubbies (82494) 10.30 The Lone Rider Ambushed (1941, b/w) Western musical, with George Houston (3833920)

11.25 The Fugitive (b/w) (r) (T) (6179272) 12.15pm Unspeakable Verse (r) (r) (7396659) 12.30 Working Lunch (81678) 1.00 Noddy (r) (83919765) 1.10 Craft Hour (9282320) 2.10 Wildlife on Two (r) (T) (31675456) 2.40 News (1) (1) (1072340) 2.45 Match of the 1970s (r) (1) (3923543) 3.25 News (1) (4032524) 3.30 Real Rooms (291) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (758) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6898659) 4.55 Esther: Being Chucked

(r) (7481833) 5.25 Today's the Day (5186017) 5.50 Lifeline (486384) 6.00 Ster Trek: The Next Generation (869291)

6.45 As Seen on TV (r) (783630) 7.00 Wales: a Nation Divided? The political history of Wales (3475)

7.38 Conjuring Shakespeare Bringing Shakespeare to a contemporary audience (T) (611) 8.00 University Challenge Birkback College v Cardiff University (T) (2123)

8.30 The Antiques Show New series exploring all aspects of the antiques world (T) (1630) 9.00 The Nazis: A Warning from History (2/6) How ordinary people collaborated (1) (210272)

ind the Lines Marines' Mountain and Arctic Warfare Cadre (1) (744340) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (424036) 10.30 Newsnight (1) (614920)



Former patient Linda Hart (11.15pm)

11.15 Over the Edge New series of documentaries made by disabled programme-makers (447217) 11.45 Walking on Thin Ice (3/5) (954475) 12 00 Weather (8657645)

12.05em Duckman (3575505)

12.30 O U: Jets and Black Holes (13215) 1.00 Cosmology on Trial (27079) 1.30 Earth, Life and Humanity (T) (33128) 2.00 Perlect Pictures (63055) 4.00 Understanding Dyslexia (17586) 5.30 So You Want to Work in Social Care? (37383)

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6.00am GMTV (7468475) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (2814340) 9..55 Regional News (T) (1371901) 10.00 The Time, the Place (79920) 10.30 This Morning (T) (18189104)

12..20pm Regional News (T) (6533017) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9714982) 12.55 Shortland Street (9722901) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (58456562) 1.50 Remote Control Cooking (1) (77364765) 2.20 Vanessa (1) (75681746) 2.50 The Natural

Health Show (6033475) 3.20 News (T) (4060307) 3.25 Regional News (I) (4069678)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (1719524) 3.40 The Parkles (7552456) 3.50 The New Adventures of

Winnie the Pooh (r) (6145727) 4.20 Extreme Ghostbusters (T) (4689901) 4.45 It's a Mystery (T) (6873340) 5.10 WALES: The National Ame Garden Show (2638456)

5.10 Yan Con Cook -- the Best of China 5.40 News (T) and weather (519456) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (353253)



Barlow and Savident (7.00pm)

7.00 Coronation Street Fred (John Savident) has a proposition for Mavis (Thelma Barlow) (T) (2271)

7.30 Champions' League — Livel Newcastie v Barcelona Bob Wilson introduces coverage from St James' Park. Commentary is provided by Brian Moore (T) (672746) 10.00 News (1); Lottery Result (42291)

10.40 WALES: In Suspicious Circumstances Edward Woodward presents two dramatised tales of real-life murder and mystery (r) (196949)

10.40 West Match Plus (196949) 11.40 Champions' League Highlights Jim Rosenthal introduces highlights from the opening night of the Uela Champions' League, which this year leatures two English teams, Newcastle United and Manchester United (918235)

12.40am The Outside Woman (1989) with Sharon Gless and Scott Glenn. Fact-based drama about a woman who falls for a convict and arranges a jailbreak so that they can be together. Directed by Lou Antonio (822296) 2.25 Champions' League Jim Rosentha

presents coverage of the whole game as Manchester United begin another ut at Slovakia to take on Kosice, who defeated Spartak Moscow in the preliminary round 4.05 The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (3252079)

5.00 The Time, the Place (r) (64012) 5.30 News (64437)

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As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9722901) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2638456) 6.25-7.00 Central News (740727) 10.40-11.40 in Suspicious Circums

12.40am Film: The Outside Woman (1989). A thriller starring Sharon Gless (822296) 4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (7608942) 5.20 Asian Eye (1271470)

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As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 lihuminations (6533017) 12.55 Home and Away (4454814) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (83667663) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2638456) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (86123) 10.40-11.40 in Suspicious Circumstance (196949)

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5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2638456) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (901) 6.30-7.00 The Village (253) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (567730) 10.45-11.40 The Meridian Match (172369) 5.00em Freescreen (64012)

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4,30 Stones of the Rai (678) 5.00 5 Pump (5009678) 5.15 Ffell (9206369) 5.30 Countdown (630) 6.00 Newyddion (740765)

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10.20 Brookside (917369)

10.55 Babylon 5 (468678) 11.50 Fresh Pop (214369) 12.00am Under the Moon (14109944) 4.35 Board Stupid (64886708)

5.05-5.35 Screaming Reels (4598673)

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5,55am Sesame Street (18494) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (80524) 9.00 Something So Right (29340)

9.30 Meet Mr Lucker (1952, b/w) Stanley Holloway In an Ealing comedy about a pantomime Demon King who finds himself in Hell after a stage accident. Also with Peggy Cummins, Directed by Anthony Pelissier (4243727)

10.55 Augusta's Kiss (9000727) 11.00 The Great Outdoors (r) (5814)

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2.00 The Decision (28176611) 2.20 The Halfway House (1944, b/w) Mervyn Johns and Glynis Johns in a wartime thriller about a remote Welsh inn. Directed

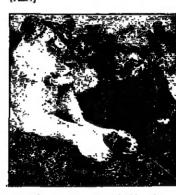
by Basil Dearden (T) (807562) 4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (494) 4.30 Countdown (T) (6883727) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (6241758) 5.30 Absolutely Animals (2/8)

6.00 The Cosby Show Clair is concerned that Cliff will embarrass her at her book club (r) (T) (543) 6.30 Roseanne The Connors are placed in a

dilemme while out shopping: should they buy Becky a dress or Roseanne some shoes? (r) (T) (123) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (418901)

7.50 Get Sorted Keeping egg-laying hens (180949) 8.00 Brookside Max tries to persuade

Susannah to go through with the counselling; Jimmy finds there is too much pressure in college work; and Sinbad cannot see his relationship with Carmel's son Tinhead improving (T)



Life with the lions (8.30pm) 8.30 Out of Africa Following the fate of a pride of lions in Namible's Etosha National Park during the drought of the century (2/6) (T)

9.00 Women on the Inside (1991) with Rachel Ticotin, Talksa Soto and Francesca Roberts. A made-for-television trilogy of dramas about the struggles of women in prison and the family tragedies that ensue when a mother is jailed. Directed by Donna Datable to the Maria State and Books and South State of Maria State and Books and B Deitch, Joan Micklin Silver and Penelope

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secret (T) (136727) 12.00 Under the Moon Sports magazine presented by Danny Kelly and Tom Binns (9444673)

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11.00 Leeza Chat show (1337678) 11.50

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an American surgeon tricked into operating on the despotic head of an Gillist (7271388)

5.30 Move on Up (T) (9062949) 6.00 100 Per Cent Hostless game show (9052562)

6.30 Family Affairs Holly stands up Tim in favour of in-line sketting with Susie (T) (9043814)



7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news and gossip teaturing a celebration of the cult of the supermodel (8025185) 7.30 Dragon's Tale Wildlife documentary

about the visitors to a cleaning in a remote forest in Sri Lanka (T) (9049098) 8.00 Instant Gardens William Van Hague and his team design a garden for a Bristol

couple (8034833) 8.30 5 News (T) (8013340)

9.00 She Fought Alone (1995) with Tiffany-Amber Thiessen A made-for-television drama about a student who is desperate to become part of the "in crowd" at her high school. Directed by Christopher Leitch (96400123)

10.50 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (9737340) 11.30 Prisoner. Cell Block H (7570456)

12.25am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine presented by Tommy Boyd and Todd Macklin (13730166) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco starring Karl Malden and Michael Douglas (T)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7767654)

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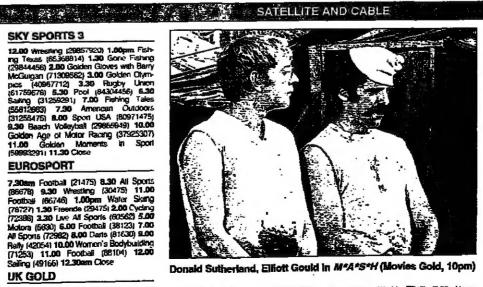
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WEDNESDAY SE?TEMBER 17 1997

Salonika earn first-leg advantage after Wenger's attacking policy is punished

Greeks spoil Arsenal's adventure

PAOK Salonika Arsenal

> FROM MATT DICKINSO IN THESSALONIKI

ARSENAL, for so long the champions of continental caution, paid dearly for a newfound boldress in the Uefa Cup first round here last night. Arsène Wenger's team came to Greece with victory their barely disguised aim. if not their expectation, but left facing a huge challenge in the second leg at Highbury after a defeat that was by no means unmerited by a PAOK Saloni-ka side that had been hoping simply for a draw.

All the warnings about an intimidating crowd had not to inspire rather than inhibit Arsenal in the early stages.

Certainly Ian Wright revelled in the prematch baiting of a fanatical crowd but the Arsenal striker, lifted by his recent brace for England and his grasp of the club's goalscoring record, would not

Sheringham lit

feel threatened at a meeting of the Tottenham Hotspur supporters' club.

Wright drew piercing whistles from every corner of the packed ground by clasping his hands to his ears in mock deafness to their taunts.

With a sea of black-andwhite shirts and flags in the Toumba Stadium, the 40,000 members of the Tomb Army, as they were soon named. were an impressive sight to behold. Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, had told his players that the only way to silence them was with an early goal and that looked feasible in the opening quarter of an hour, as his side settled to their task with admirable

Gradually, indugh, errors began to creep in as passes drifted carelessly astray and tackles failed to connect and the visiting team finished the first half stretched. A booking for Wright for dissent - will



Vieira, the Arsenal midfield player, attempts to find a way past the ranks of Greek defenders during the Uefa Cup first round, first leg in Thessaloniki last night

he never learn? - highlighted the growing frustration and only David Seaman's fingertips diverted a long-range free kick from its path to goal on to

Those scares came despite the predicted return of Tony Adams, the captain, for his recovering from a rib injury. The England international's

comeback allowed Arsenal to parade a back four that had long since proved its worthiness in Europe, lifting the Cup Winners' Cup under George

Early comfort soon gave way to end-to-end excitement, however, but this was never going to be the kind of exercise

this tie that his team would come here to win against a Greek side that regarded itself as the underdog, and his selection of Nicolas Anelka for his first start in an Arsenal shirt was proof of those bold intentions. The French teenager has more pace than Wright and potentially more ability, but it was asking a lot

CLIVE WOODWARD was

confirmed yesterday as the

new England coach, two

months before the series of

four games against the three

southern-hemisphere powers

that will give the stiffest pos-sible test of his mettle. The

Rugby Football Union (RFU)

will introduce him at Bisham

Abbey this morning, along-

side Roger Uttley who will be

Both Woodward, 41, and

Uttley, 48, who coached England between 1987-91, have

agreed three-year contracts

new millennium. Their ap-

pointments end an embarrass-

Woodward's predecessor, who

to devote to the role that the

It was always the RFU's

over the manager's role, even

when Rowell was still on

against club contracts that

limited the availability of lead-

ing contenders for the coach-

ing post, but Woodward will

make light of the fact that he

was far from an automatic

England was one I just

couldn't turn down," the for-

mer Leicester centre said. "I

have been keen to bring my

own ideas into the England

Those ideas were consoli-

dated during a five-year play-

ing spell in Australia, but

Woodward only stepped on to

set-up at senior level."

The chance of coaching

union required.

the team manager.

Wenger's adventurous se-

from the edge of the penalty area had to be well saved and Anelka was only foiled in front of goal by a desperate lunge.

stantinos Fratzeskos twice forced excellent saves from

Seaman. The first, after 22 minutes. was direct from a corner that the Arsenal goalkeeper tipped over the crossbar. The second,

the representative coaching

ladder last year, joining Andy

Robinson, of Bath, as coach to

the England Under-21 team.

That association took him to

Bath last season as backs

coach and, this summer, he

and Rob Smith - who will

find a place in the overall

England coaching structure --

coached the under-21s in Aus-

tralia. Bath are understood to

have been compensated by the

Rumours of Woodward's

appointment had already pro-

voked some debate. Geoff

RFU for Woodward's loss.

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

after Petit had given away a free kick 25 yards from goal and Wright had earned a caution for his protest, was even better as he flung himself

The game, played at a high tempo, was as open as Wenger were plentiful by any standards, particularly those of a first leg of a European tie. Wright shot narrowly wide from the edge of the penalty area just after the restart but

to his right, flicking the ball on

the Arsenal defence were not without their moments of Arsenal's boidness was alcaution by taking the lead

It was by no means against the run of play because the visitors had frequently been forced on to the back foot, with Adams forced into an important tackle when he found himself the last man in de-Paraschos Zoumpoulis.

Seaman had saved well from Fratzeskos five minutes before the goal when the Greek international, PAOK's outstanding midfield player. had broken through the Arsenal rearguard with alarming ease. But the goalkeeper was helpless when his opponent again sprinted around the back of a flat

defence, nipping past Nigel

Winterburn and sliding his shot from 12 yards under Seaman from Zafeiriou's through-ball.

By then, Arsenal had already lost much of their momentum and Wenger tried to liven things up by throwing on Luis Boa Morte and David mounted, however, with Adams picking up a caution as angry words were exchanged with the Spanish referee.

PAOK SALONIKA (4-42) N Michopoulous

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Vyrass (sub: D Napetanopoulos, 58), P

Zoumpoulis

ARSENAL (4.4.2) D Seriopoulos

Zoumpouse,
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Bouki, A Adams, N Winterburn — R Periour
(sub: D Peat, 70), P Viers, E Peat, M
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Hodge and Birtles to press claim against Anderlecht

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

FORMER Nottingham Forest players could gain thou-sands of pounds in compensation now that Anderlecht have admitted paying the referee before the start of the 1984 Uefa Cup semi-fined be-tween the clubs.

Forest intend suing for £1.5

million after the Belgian club's statement that the referee who is now dead, was given £18,000, although it is claimed that the money paid him was only a loan.

But this is being challenged by former Forest players, including Garry Birtles and Steve Hodge, both England internationals, who have decided to join Forest's legal battle for redress.

Forest won the first leg at home 2-0 but lost the return leg 3-0. During the second match, the referee, Guruceta Muro, who was killed in a car crash in 1987, disallowed a Forest goal, gave Anderlecht an unlikely penalty and allowed another goal which most neutral observers said should not have been given.

Victory in the semi-final would have given Forest a lucrative final against Tottenham. Instead, the London club beat Anderlecht to take

the trophy. Phil Soar, Nottingham Forest's chief executive, said yesterday that players could now claim compensation in-dividually. If they are successful, this could take the total pay-out by Anderlecht to more than £2 million.

Birtles, who won two European Cup-Winners' Cup medals with Forest under Brian Clough, said: "Players get well rewarded for winning European competitions and we had that snatched from us. If the club wins compensation it's only right the players should also be involved."

Forest have had legal experts in Belgium working on the case since March, with the ☐ Peter Beardsley could miss Bolton Wanderers' Premiership match against Manchester United on Saturday after being knocked unconscious in a training ground accident >

yesterday. Beardsley collided with Jamie Pollock and was thought to have broken a cheekbone, but the first set of X-rays indicated no serious

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- 13 Went by; approved (6) 16 As eg Scots church, elder-
- ruled (12) 19 Very strong, forceful (7)
- 20 Tolerate: live (5) 21 Material from worms (4)
- 22 Moscow citadel (7)

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- quality (4) 2 What it claims to be (7)
 - 3 (As gambler) ruin the house
 - 4 Sudden (6)
 - 6 Jewish teacher (5) 7 No longer in service (7)
 - 8 As eg Austin, Tennyson, Day-Lewis (4.8)
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Gradually, the Greeks grew in confidence and Kon-

ways going to be accompanied by danger and the Greeks finally exploited their lack of

Woodward takes | Fighting players

WHILE Brive pressed for a postponement of Saturday's Heineken Cup meeting with Bath, and Pontypridd tried to deflect responsibility for the bar-room brawl which followed their game against the French team on Sunday, there were calls yesterday for better policing of European matches by the officials involved.

Bob Dwyer, who takes his Leicester side to Toulouse on Saturday, asked why no action had been taken by the match commissioner at Brive, where a player from each side was dismissed and there were numerous stoppages for sun-dry violence. "What we need is closer scrutiny of games," Dwyer said. The fact that no action has been taken by way

of citing is ridiculous." Dwyer has long been critical of rugby union's disciplinary response to foul play, compared with that of rugby league. "They have a genuine, honest desire to rid the game of foul play," the Leicester director of rugby said. They encourage hard play but they look at it very strictly. "Here, we have a game in

take action, or they think it's

The three Pontypridd play-ers, Dale McIntosh, Phil John

of involvement in the brawl

that left three France interna-

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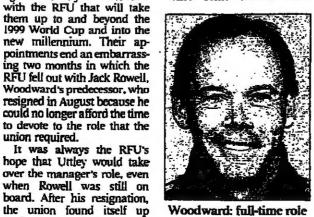
which we can all see deliberate acts of foul play, yet players get away with it because

Ideas man, page 43 | players are due to be ques-

Cooke, who coached England

to the grand slam in 1991 and 1992, said: "It worries me when I see Clive's record and volatility. He is up and down and I have question marks about him. I read recently someone saying how valuable it was that Clive had performed in the international field and therefore understood the game. My view is so what? That was in 1980 and what relevance has that to today's

and André Barnard, accused



Woodward: full-time role

up England reins called to account By David Hands

tioned before further investi-

gation is made. The tournament organisers European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC), stage an emergency board meeting in Dublin today at which representatives of Brive and Pontypridd, as well as match officials, can give evidence regarding the on-field violence, though it is the events of the evening and the involvement of club supporters that will exercise the

wrong to claim that Pontypridd players were the ones Pontypridd president and a solicitor, said. The Welsh Rugby Union has condemned the alleged incidents and will require a report from Pontypridd. However, determining responsibility at a time when police investigations into the affair are proceeding will create a problem for ERC, who have been faced with calls for both clubs to be suspended from the competition; that would also create embarrassment for Bath and Scottish Borders, host clubs to Brive and Pontypridd respectively

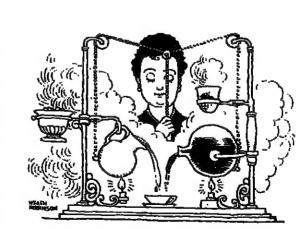
There was a fracas but it is

record crowds and substantial someone can't be bothered to match sponsorship. However, the tournament in particular and the game as a whole must come before individual club arrangements. It will be incumbent upon all competing teams this weekend to make up for the shadow lying over the competition, in particular at the two games in France - in Toulouse and in Pau, where Caledonia Reds are the visitors.

on Saturday, who expect

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